Spin Flipper and Neutron Polarimetry for the n³He Experiment

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Interaction of Neutrons with ³He

$$\vec{n} + {}^{3}He = {}^{3}H + p + 764 \,\mathrm{keV}$$

• Binding energy of He-3 is less than Binding energy of Triton

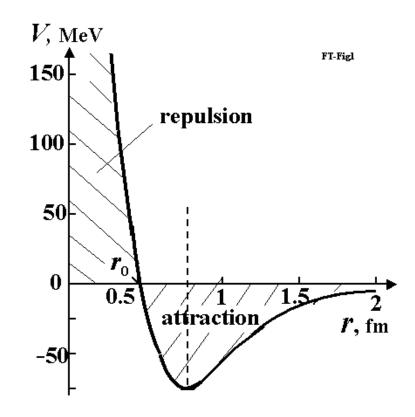
$$E_b[T] = (M_p + 2M_n - M_T)c^2$$
$$E_b[He3] = (M_n + 2M_p - M_{He3})c^2$$

$$K = (M_{He3} + M_n - M_T - M_p)c^2 = 764 \,\mathrm{keV}$$

 $K_p = 572.7 \,\mathrm{keV}$ $K_T = 191.3 \, \text{keV}$

Theory of the Nuclear Force

- Also known as the residual Strong Interaction
- Attractive force mediated by the exchange of light virtual mesons $~\pi,~
 ho,~\omega$
- Non-central force (Tensor couplings)
- Spin-Dependent



Differential Cross-Section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[1 + \varepsilon_{pc} + \varepsilon_{pv} + \cdots \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_{pc} = \alpha_{pc} \langle \sigma \rangle \cdot (\mathbf{k}_n \times \mathbf{k}_p) \quad \underset{\text{asymmetry}}{\mathbf{L/R}}$$

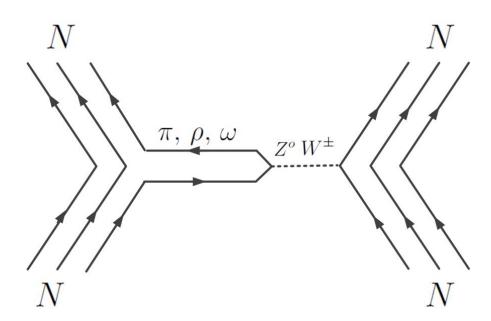
$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Neutron \ beam \ direction}}_{\mathbf{k}_p} \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{k}_p}_{\mathbf{k}_n} \quad \overbrace{\mathbf{k}_n}_{\mathbf{k}_n}$$

$$\varepsilon_{pv} = \alpha_{pv} \langle \sigma \rangle \cdot \mathbf{k}_p \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{U/D}}_{\text{asymmetry}}$$

Theory of the Hadronic Weak Interaction

 $+ a_{\rho}^{0} \cdot h_{\rho}^{0} + a_{\rho}^{1} \cdot h_{\rho}^{1} + a_{\rho}^{2} \cdot h_{\rho}^{2} + a_{\omega}^{0} \cdot h_{\omega}^{0} + a_{\omega}^{1} \cdot h_{\omega}^{1}$

- HWI described by the Meson Exchange Model.
- Mediators $\pi, \ \rho, \ \omega$ allowed to decay into carriers of the weak force before coupling to second vertex

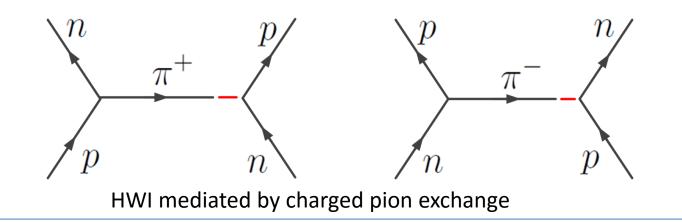


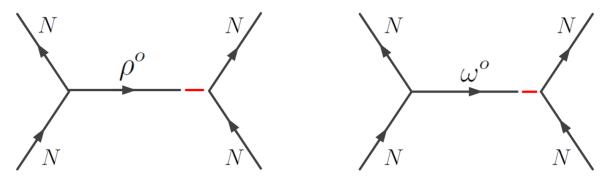
 Theory requires 6 coupling constants which must be measured experimentally.

 $A = a_{\pi}^{1}$

Feynman Diagrams which determine A_p

$$A_p = -0.18 \cdot h_\pi^1 - 0.14 \cdot h_\rho^0 - 0.13 \cdot h_\omega^0$$





HWI mediated by the exchange of heavy neutral vector mesons

Observables and Coupling Coefficients

- n³He is one of several experiments designed to measure coupling constants of the DDH model
- Primary goal of NPDGamma experiment is to measure the parity violating Gamma asymmetry:

$$\vec{n} + p \to d + \gamma$$

 $A_{\gamma} \simeq -0.107 h_{\pi}^1$

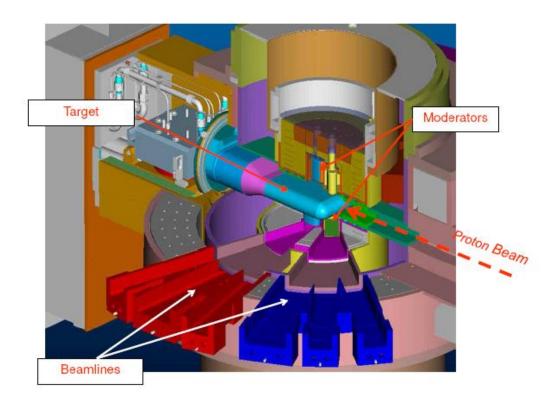
	npA_{γ}	nDA_γ	n³He A _p	np ø	nα φ	pp A _z	$p\alpha A_z$
f_{π}	-0.11	0.92	-0.18	-3.12	-0.97		-0.34
h_{ρ}^{0}		-0.50	-0.14	-0.23	-0.32	0.08	0.14
h_{ρ}^{-1}	-0.001	0.10	0.027		0.11	0.08	0.05
h_{ρ}^{2}		0.05	0.0012	-0.25		0.03	
h_{ω}^{0}		-0.16	-0.13	-0.23	-0.22	-0.07	0.06
h_{ω}^{1}	-0.003	-0.002	0.05		0.22	0.07	0.06

• HWI also characterized by EFT couplings known as Danilov Parameters $\lambda_t, \ \lambda_s^0, \ \lambda_s^1, \ \lambda_s^2, \ \rho_t, \ C_6^{\pi}$

SNS Neutrons/ Overview of Experiment

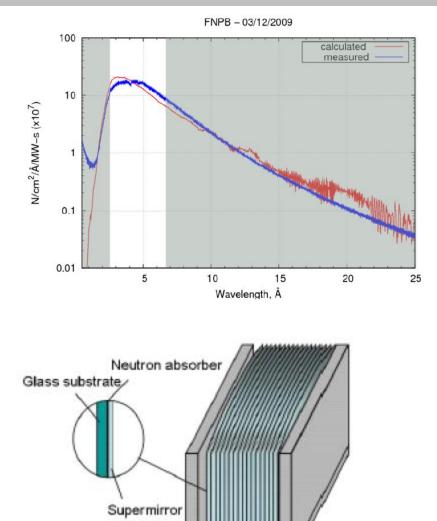
SNS Neutrons for FnPB

- Neutrons from a 60 Hz 1GeV proton Beam
- 1mA of current on target corresponds to a power of 1MW.
- Cryogenic moderator at 20K produces cold neutrons



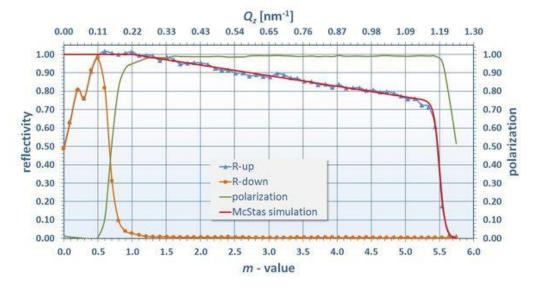
SNS Neutrons for FnPB (II)

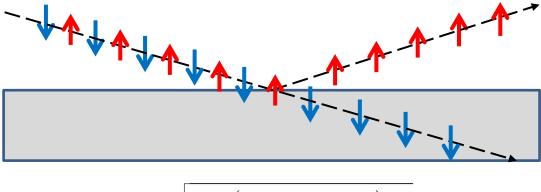
- Cold neutrons enter a Supermirror neutron guide
- Gaps for frame definition choppers which transmit wavelengths 2.5 – 6.5A.
- Supermirror Polarizer at end of guide
- Polarizer reflects one neutron spin state and absorbs the other



Supermirror Bender Polarizer

- Channels have radius of curvature 14.8 m
- Every neutron incident on polarized will bounce at least once.
- Supermirror coating composed of alternating layers of Ni and Si
- Large external B-field saturates magnetization of Ni layers





$$n = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{Nb_{coh}}{\pi} \pm \frac{\mu B}{2\pi^2 \hbar^2}\right)\lambda^2}$$

Neutron Beam as Mixed Ensemble

- Beam neutrons emerging from the moderator have randomly oriented spins: Incoherent Mixture
- Describe beam with a Density Matrix:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} |S_z + \rangle \langle S_z + | + \frac{1}{2} |S_z - \rangle \langle S_z - |$$

• Expectation values for the random ensemble calculated using the density operator

$$\langle S_x \rangle = Tr[\rho S_x] = 0$$

 $\langle S_y \rangle = Tr[\rho S_y] = 0$
 $\langle S_z \rangle = Tr[\rho S_z] = 0$

Neutron Beam after the SMP

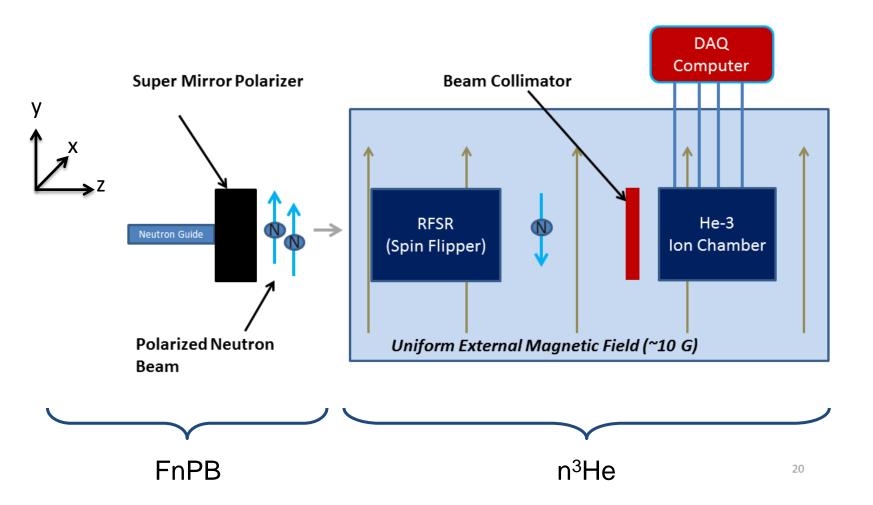
- State vector neutron beam reflected from a perfect supermirror: $|\psi\rangle_{beam} = |S_y+\rangle$
- $_{fp}$ Density operator for the beam at polarization P_n

$$\rho = P_n |S_y + \rangle \langle S_y + | + \frac{1 - P_n}{2} |S_x + \rangle \langle S_x + | + \frac{1 - P_n}{2} |S_x - \rangle \langle S_x - |$$

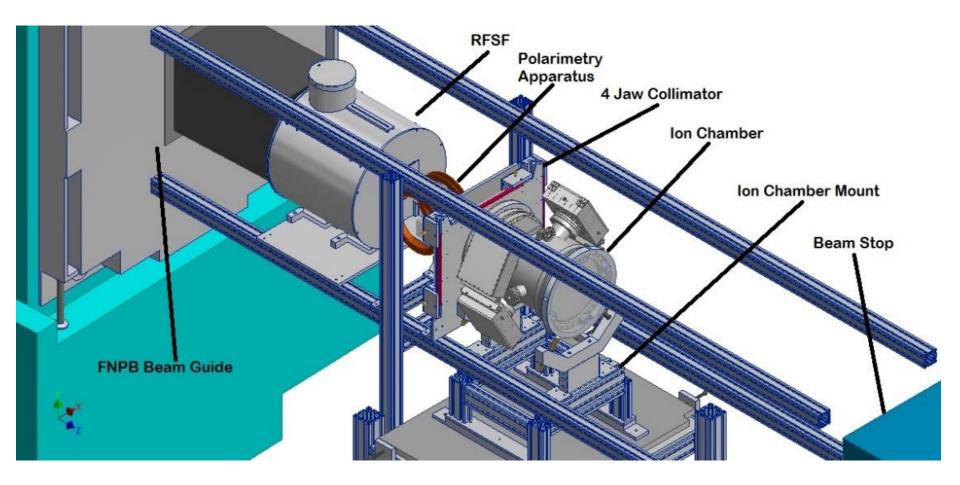
$$\langle S_x \rangle = Tr[\rho S_x] = 0 \langle S_z \rangle = Tr[\rho S_z] = 0$$

$$\langle S_y \rangle = Tr[\rho S_y] = \frac{\hbar}{2}P_n$$

Details of Experiment



Details of Experiment (II)



Ion Chamber



Frame stack holds alternating planes of high voltage and signal wires

- 17 High Voltage Wire Planes
- 16 Signal Wire Planes
- 144 Signal Wires Total



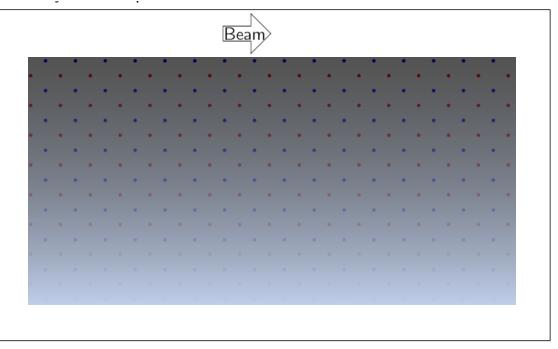
Wires in the ion chamber

- Red wires are high voltage
- Blue wires are signal wires

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Wires labeled by: (S,w)

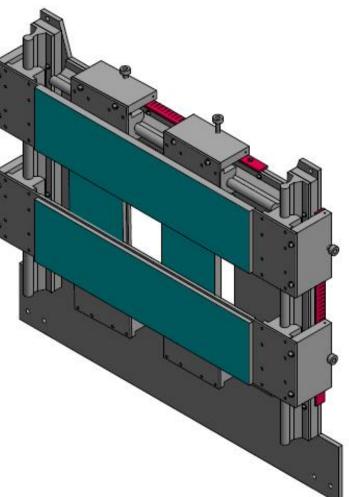
• Spacing between all wires of the same color is 1.9cm



- HV 17 HV Frames with 8 wires each
- Signal 16 signal Frames with 9 wires each

Four-Jaw Collimator

- Doors covered with Li-6 and Cd which absorbs 99% of beam
- Adjustable doors can transmit a beam of any height and width
- Defines beam incident on ion chamber
- Required for neutron polarimetry.



SPIN FLIPPER

Spin Flipper for the n³He Experiment







Pictures of Outer Coils







Design of a Cosine Theta Coil

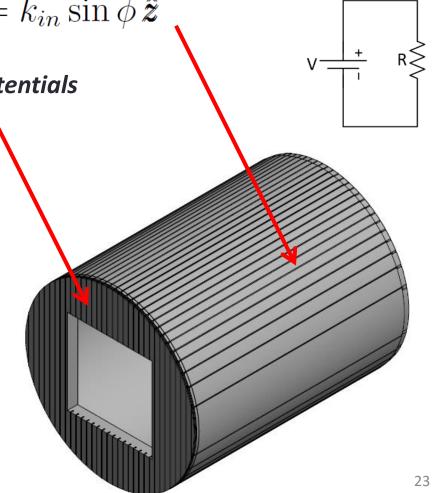
Surface Current Density:

$$\boldsymbol{k}_{in}(\phi) = k_{in} \sin \phi \, \boldsymbol{\hat{z}}$$

Wires on end caps routed along equi-potentials

Fields determined using theory of a magnetic scalar potential:

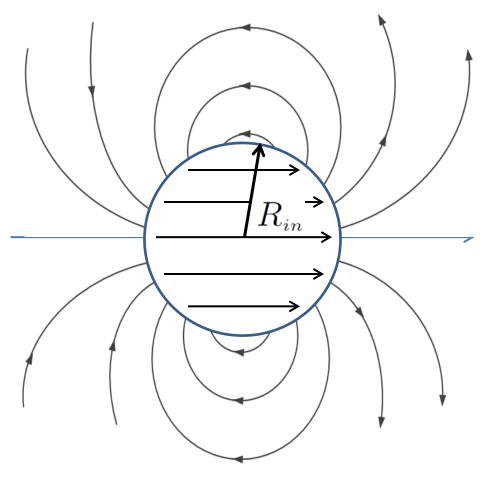
$$U_{in} = -\frac{kr}{2}\cos\phi$$
$$U_{out} = \frac{kR_{in}^2}{2r}\cos\phi$$



Fields of a Cosine Theta Coil

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{in} = H_o \boldsymbol{\hat{x}}$$
$$\boldsymbol{H}_{out} = \frac{k R_{in}^2}{2r^2} [\cos \phi \, \boldsymbol{\hat{r}} + \sin \phi \, \boldsymbol{\hat{\phi}}]$$

- External B-Field is problematic for the n3He experiment
- External B-Field can be the source of false asymmetries
- Need false asymmetries < 10⁻⁸



Design of a Double Cosine-Theta Coil

- Two Concentric Cosine theta coils
- Currents flow in opposite directions
- Approximation of infinite coil still valid

$$\boldsymbol{k}_{out}(\phi) = -k' \sin \phi \, \boldsymbol{\hat{z}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{k}_{in}(\phi) = k \sin \phi \, \boldsymbol{\hat{z}} -$$

$$U_{in}(r,\phi) = -H_{rf}r\cos\phi$$

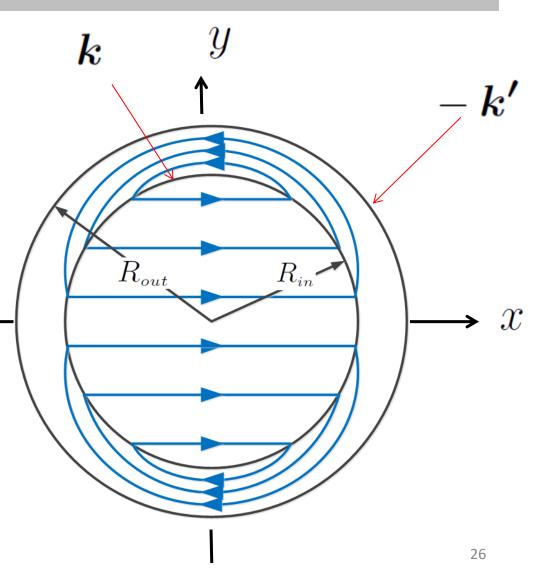
$$U_{out}(r,\phi) = \left[\frac{R_{in}^2}{R_{out}^2 - R_{in}^2}\right] H_{rf} \left[r + \frac{R_{out}^2}{r}\right] \cos\phi$$

Fields of a Double Cosine Theta Coil

--A way to produce a selfcontained uniform magnetic field that doesn't interfere with other components in the experiment.

--No False asymmetries from Spin Flipper

$$r < R_{in} \qquad \mathbf{H}_{in} = H_o \mathbf{\hat{x}}$$
$$R_{in} < r < R_{out} \qquad \mathbf{H}_{mid}(r, \phi)$$
$$r > R_{out} \qquad \mathbf{H}_{ext} = 0$$



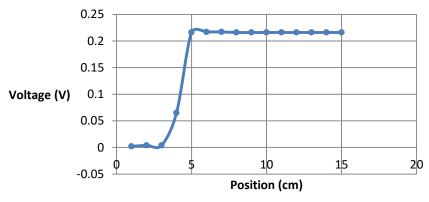
Field Measurements in Spin Flipper

Blue Curve

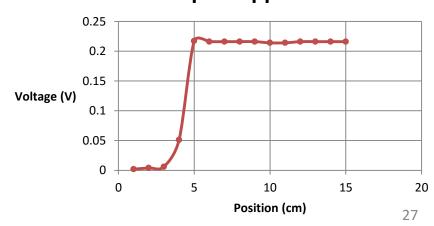
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Red Curve						
1	0.002					
2	0.004					
3	0.006					
4	0.051					
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Field Measurements at the End of the Spin Flipper



Field Measurements at the End of the Spin Flipper





Inductance of Cosine-Theta Coils

- More than one way to calculate inductance of cosine-theta coils:
 - 1. Magnetic Flux Calculation: $\Phi = LI$
 - 2. Stored energy in the Magnetic Field:

$$E = \frac{\mu_o}{2} \int |\boldsymbol{H}|^2 dv$$

Cosine theta coil:
$$L = \frac{\mu_o \pi z_o}{32} N^2$$
Double cosine theta coil: $L = \frac{\mu_o \pi z_o}{32} N_1 N_2 \left[\frac{R_{out}}{R_{in}} - \frac{R_{in}}{R_{out}} \right]$

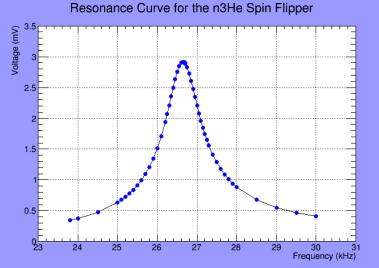
$$L = \frac{5}{16} \mu_o \pi z_o N^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad L = 2.01 \,\mathrm{mH}$$

Double Cosine Theta Coil as RCL Circuit

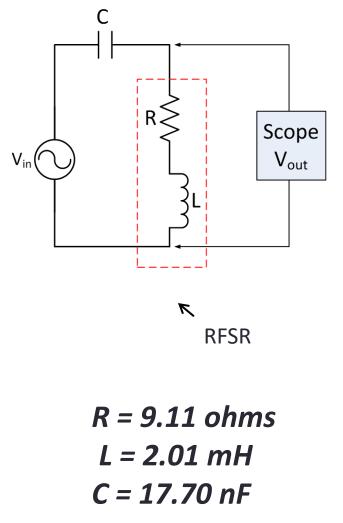
• Choose capacitor so that the circuit resonance is at the Larmor Frequency







Measure L using: $C=1/\omega_L^2 L$



Two-State Spin Magnetic Resonance

- Problem solved in the interaction picture
- Two-state problem is exactly solvable (See Sakurai)

$$i\hbar \begin{bmatrix} \dot{C}_1 \\ \dot{C}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & Ve^{i\omega t} \\ Ve^{i\omega t} & E_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve coupled DE's for probability amplitudes
- Solution requires initial spins all $C_1(0) = 1$ $C_2(0) = 0$ pointing in the same direction

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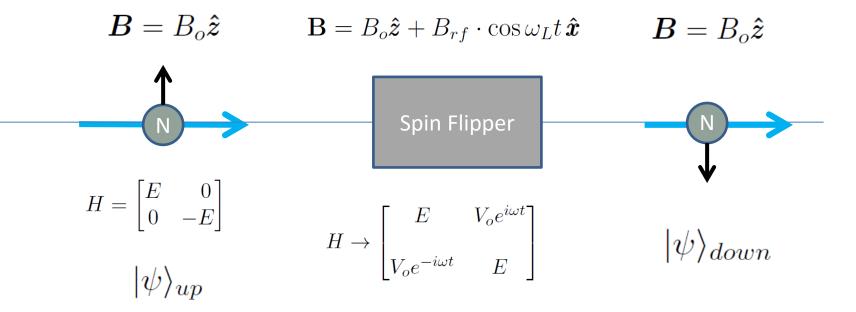
$$P(t) = \frac{4\omega_F^2}{4\omega_F^2 + (\omega_L - \omega_{rf})^2} \sin^2 \left[\sqrt{\omega_F^2 + \frac{(\omega_L - \omega_{rf})^2}{4}} t \right]$$

$$P(t) = |C_1(t)|^2 = 1 - |C_2(t)|^2$$

Spin Magnetic Resonance with the Spin Flipper

Drive the Spin Flipper at the Larmor frequency of neutrons in the 10 Gauss B-field

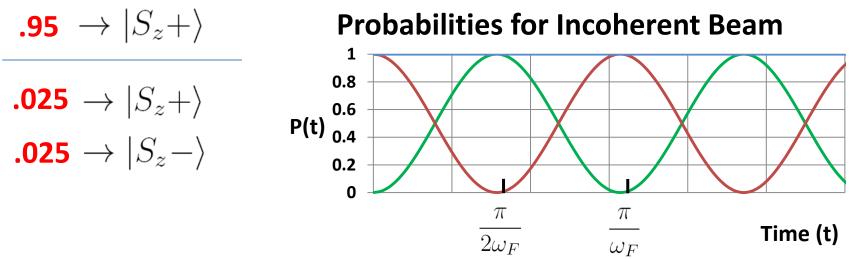
$$\omega_L \equiv \gamma_n B_o$$



• Perturbed field inside the spin flipper rotates the state ket

SMR For a Mixed Ensemble

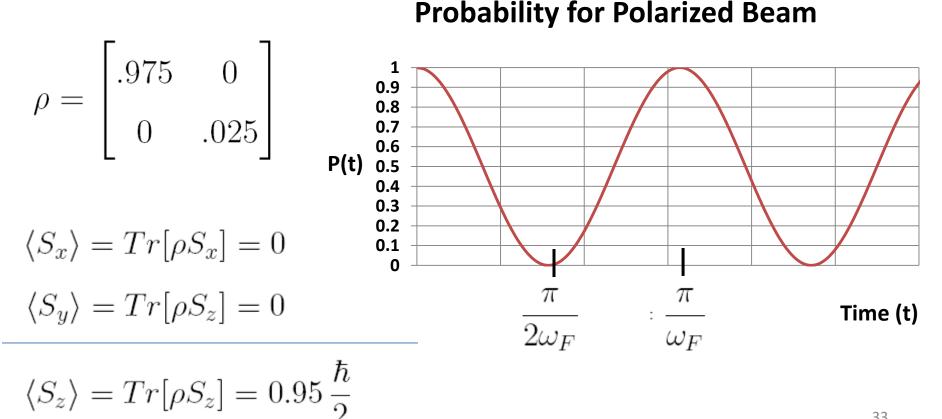
- $\rho = .95 |S_z + \rangle \langle S_z + | + .025 |S_z + \rangle \langle S_z + | + .025 |S_z \rangle \langle S_z |$
 - Solve the SMR problem 3 times –once for each fractional population



• Probabilities for transitions of incoherent components oscillate out-of-phase. No contribution to SMR problem

SMR for a Mixed Ensemble (II)

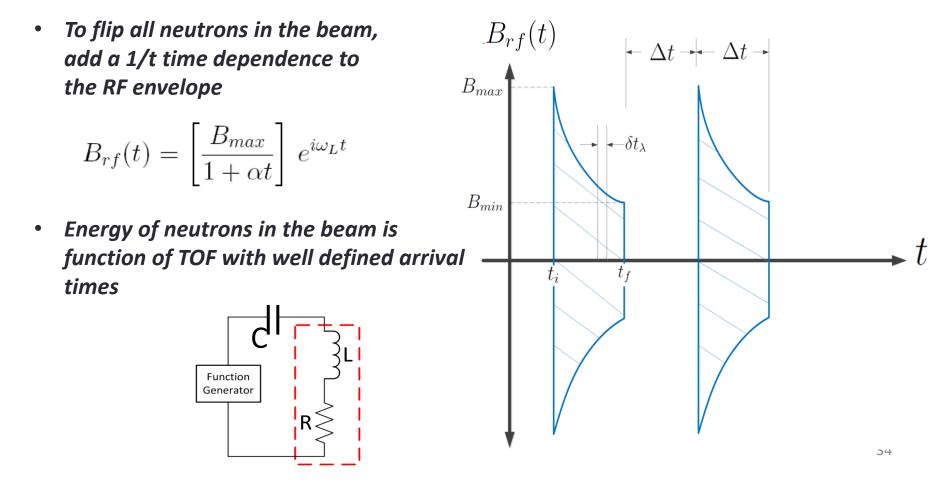
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Flipping Neutrons with a Wavelength Spectrum 2.5 – 6.5 A

 Oscillating RF field only works for a single wavelength

 $\Delta T = t_f - t_i = 16.67 \,\mathrm{ms}$



Initial Tuning of the Guide Field

$$P(t) = \frac{4\omega_F^2}{4\omega_F^2 + (\omega_L - \omega_{rf})^2} \sin^2 \left[\sqrt{\omega_F^2 + \frac{(\omega_L - \omega_{rf})^2}{4}} t \right]$$

$$Q(\lambda) \rightarrow \frac{1 + P_n(\lambda)}{1 + \alpha P_n(\lambda)}$$

$$Spin flip ratio as a function of the guide field:$$

$$\langle Q(B_o) \rangle = \frac{4\omega_F^2 + (\gamma_n B_o - \omega_{rf})^2}{4y_n \omega_F^2 + (\gamma_n B_o - \omega_{rf})^2}$$

$$y_n = \frac{1 - \langle P_n \rangle}{1 + \langle P_n \rangle} \qquad \lambda \sim 4.75 \text{\AA}$$

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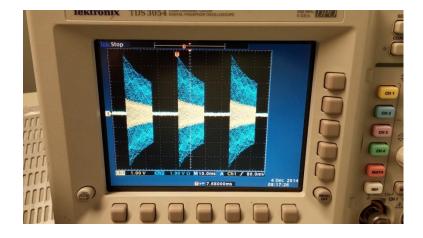
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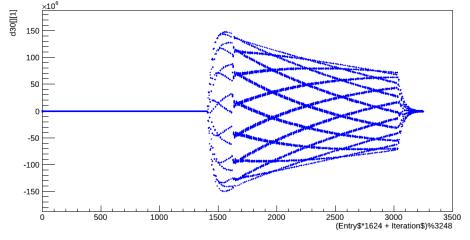
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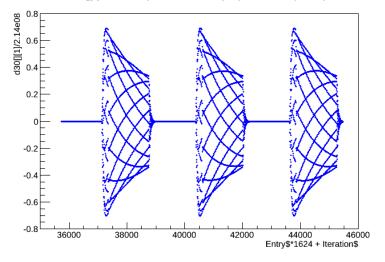
Spin Flipper Signal Read by DAQ



d30[[1]:(Entry\$*1624 + Iteration\$)%3248 {Entry\$%25==0}



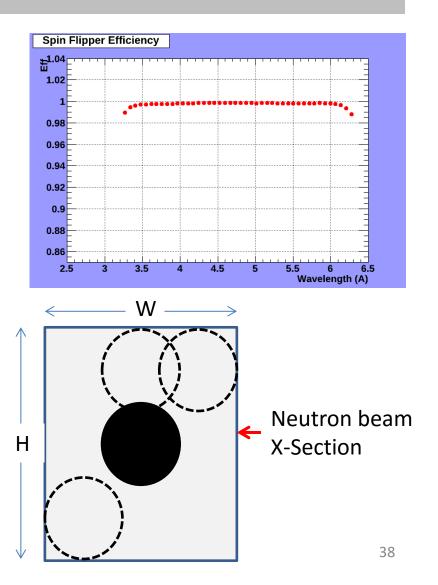
d30[][1]/2.14e08:Entry\$*1624 + Iteration\$ {Entry\$ > 21 && Entry\$ < 28 }



- Signal read by the DAQ shows distortion of the signal at the beginning and end of the pulse.
- Vertical line at T=1624 represents DAQ reset to measure next neutron pulse.

Summary of Spin Flipper Capabilities

- A new technology for flipping neutron spins
- Superior operation compared to NPDGamma spin flipper---reaches the limit of efficiency
- Can flip both longitudinal and transverse neutron spin orientations
- Spin flip efficiency is uniform over all parts of the beam
- Should become the industry standard



Neutron Polarimetry

Neutron Polarimetry

Essential Component of the n³He experiment. On a regular basis need to check that:

The neutron beam is what we think it is:

• Measure beam polarization: $P_n(\lambda)$

The spin flipper is flipping the way we think it should.

- Measure spin flipper Efficiency: $\epsilon_{sf}(\lambda)$
- Keep guide field tuned to optimize spin flipper operation

Polarimetry Results

$$A_p = \frac{A_{obs}}{\langle P_n \rangle \cdot \langle \epsilon_{sf} \rangle}$$

 $\langle P_n \rangle = 0.936 \pm 0.0018$ $\langle \epsilon_{sf} \rangle = 0.9979 \pm .00091$

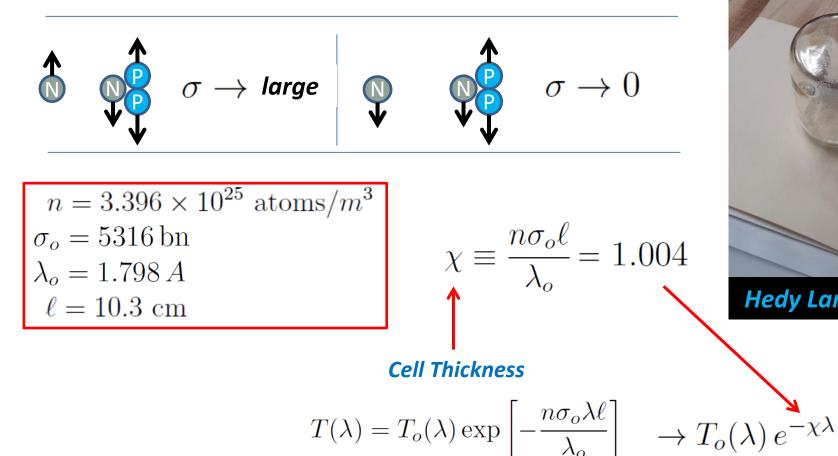
- Determine $P_n(\lambda)$ and $\epsilon_{sf}(\lambda)$ during neutron polarimetry in the range 3.5 6.0 Å
- Average over neutron wavelengths and then average again over each polarimetry

Polarimetry Dates:

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- 2. 02/17/2015
- 3. 02/25/2015
- 4. 03/25/2015
- 5. 04/21/2015
- 6. 05/20/2015
- 7. 06/23/2015
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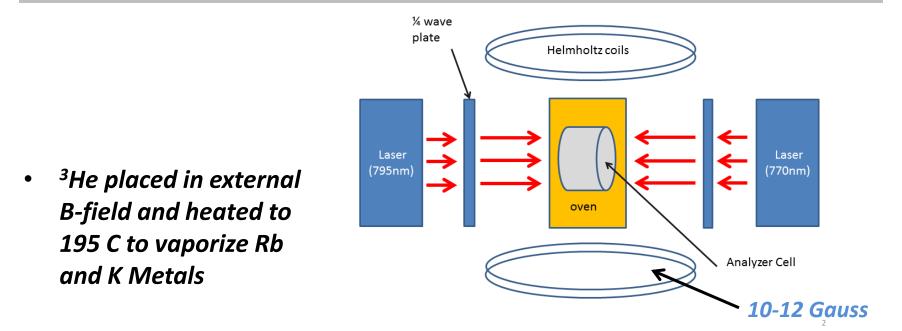
Properties of a ³He Cell

• Filled with ³He, Rb, K, N₂



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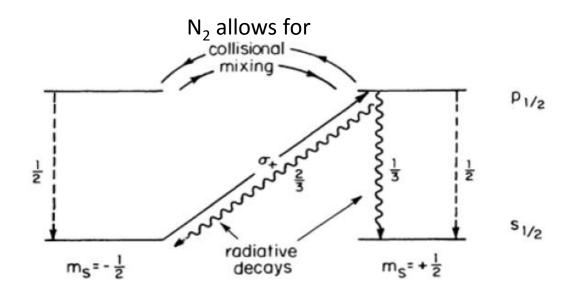
Spin Exchange Optical Pumping



- Focus infra-red Laser light on cell to polarizes Rb and K vapors
- Polarized Rb and K transfer polarization to ³He nuclei thru hyperfine interaction
- Cell polarizes overnight

Optical Pumping of Alkali Metals

- Incident circularly polarized light can only be absorbed by the Ms = -1/2 sub-state
- *P*_{1/2} state will decay to either
 *S*_{1/2} sub-state
- Partial pressure of N₂ induces collisional mixing/increases cell polarization



$$P_A = \rho_A(+\frac{1}{2}) - \rho_A(-\frac{1}{2})$$

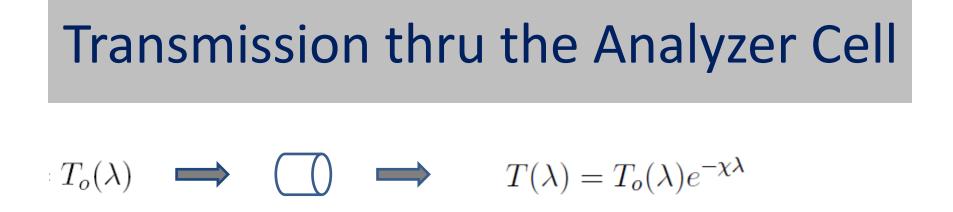
$$P(t) = \frac{\gamma_{SE} P_A}{\Gamma + \gamma_{SE}} \left[1 - e^{-(\Gamma + \gamma_{SE})t} \right]$$

Polarimetry Apparatus/Setup



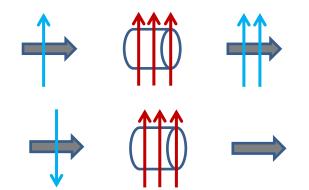
- Polarimetry apparatus centered near beam centroid
- Polarized cell sits in acrylic V-Block assembly





$$T(\lambda) = T_o(\lambda) \cdot e^{-\chi\lambda} \cosh(\chi\lambda P)$$

Analyzing Power of the ³He cell: $P_n(\lambda) = \tanh(\chi \lambda P)$



Large transmission for parallel spins

 $T(\lambda) = T_o(\lambda) \cdot e^{-\chi\lambda} \left[\cosh(\chi\lambda P) + P_n \sinh(\chi\lambda P)\right]$

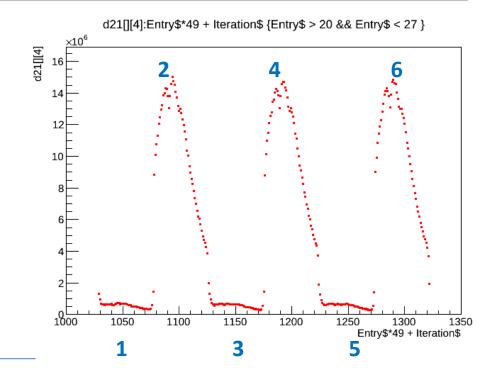
Large absorption for anti-parallel spins

Calculating Neutron Beam Polarization

Polarization determined by measuring beam transmission thru:

- Polarized Cell
- Un-polarized Cell

$$R_1 \equiv \frac{T_{on}}{T_{unp}} \qquad R_2 \equiv \frac{T_{off}}{T_{unp}}$$



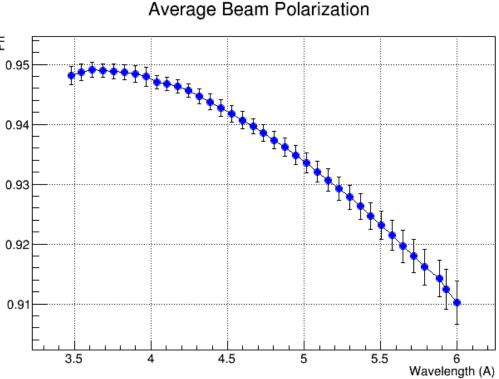
$$P_n(\lambda) = \frac{R_1 - R_2}{\sqrt{[R_2 - (1 - 2\epsilon_{sf})R_1]^2 - 4\epsilon_{sf}^2}} \longrightarrow P_n(\lambda) = \frac{R_1 - R_2}{\sqrt{[R_2 + R_1]^2 - 4}}$$

Neutron Beam Polarization

- Polarization determined from 8 independent measurements
 Feb – Nov 2015
- Beam polarization measured at beam center:

 $\langle P_n \rangle = 0.936 \pm 0.0018$

• Slope of Beam polarization curve due to supermirror polarizer

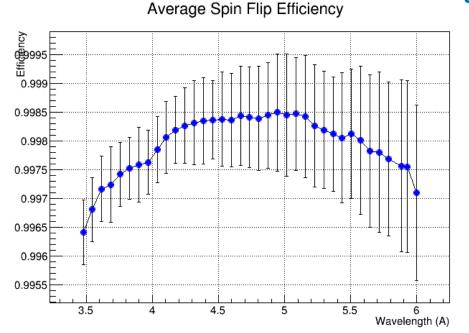


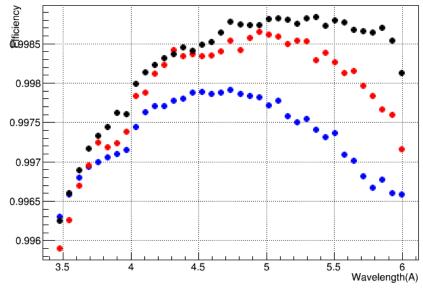
Calculation of Spin Flipper Efficiency

$$\epsilon_{sf} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{P_{on}}{P_{off}} \right]$$

$$\langle \epsilon_{sf} \rangle = 0.9979 \pm .00091$$

- Calculate spin flipper efficiency by reversing polarization of the He-3 cell (AFP Flip)
- Off-axis measurements of spin flipper efficiency show no significant changes





Contributions to the n³He Experiment

- Completed all aspects of the design, construction, testing, and integration of the Spin Flipper
- Completed design and construction of the 4-Jaw collimator
- Completed design of the V-Block/Sled alignment hardware
- Completed design of two XY scanner mounts for location of Beam Centroid
- Major contributor to the design/construction/implementation of the alignment laser beam
- Major role in completing alignment of the guide field in the cave
- Presentations on the spin flipper for APS and ACNS
- Performed all polarimetry measurements for the n³He experiment

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