# Exploring a Possible Origin of an Abnormal $10 \sim 15$ degree Spin Tilt Observed at RHIC Polarimeters 

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## 1 ACCELERATION OF POLARIZED PROTONS AT RHIC


$\diamond$ Polarization measurements in RHIC monitor

- polarization loss due to snake resonances during ramp ( $\approx 300$ s to $250 \mathbf{G e V}$ ), - gradual polarization loss during the typical 8 hours physics store.


## 2 POLARIZATION MEASUREMENTS AT RHIC

- Two different devices ensure polarization measurements in RHIC :
(i) A polarized hydrogen jet target :
$\diamond$ Measures $P_{Y}$ only (1 pair of detectors)
$\diamond$ Provides calibration for the pC polarimeters (and to the physics program), accuracy $\sigma_{\frac{\Delta P}{P}} \approx \mathbf{2 - 3 \%}$.

(ii) A fast carbon target $\mathbf{p C}$ polarimeter :
$\diamond$ beam polarization in $\sim$ a minute
$\diamond$ target : ultra-thin carbon ribbon swept through the beam
$\diamond$ Three pairs of detectors at $90^{\circ}$ and $45^{\circ}$ for measurement of
$P_{Y}$ (vertical) and $P_{X}$ (radial) polarization components

$\diamond P_{Y}$ is measured $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { by } 2-5 \text { pair, } \\ \text { as }\left(P_{U}+P_{V}\right) \cos (45 \mathrm{deg} .) \text {, with 1-4 pair }\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{V}}\right) \text { and 3-6 pair }\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{U}}\right)\end{array}\right.$
$\diamond$ 1-4 and 3-6 pairs provide vertical tilt $\phi$ of ( $\mathbf{x}, \mathrm{y}$ ) plane polarization component :

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\tan (\phi)=\frac{P_{X}}{P_{Y}}=\frac{P_{U}-P_{V}}{P_{U}+P_{V}}
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## A SUMMARY OF POLARIZATION MEASUREMENTS

- Polarization measurements at $\mathbf{p C}$ polarimeters are performed
$\diamond$ shortly after injection, before the ramp, $\mathrm{E}=23.8 \mathrm{GeV}$
$\diamond$ at store $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { one before collision (one more after rotator ramp if any) } \\ \text { then every } 2-3 \text { hours during collision }\end{array}\right.$ (measurement induces $<0.5 \%$ beam loss, and physics run has to stop)


## MEASURED TILT ANGLE <br> AT pC (degree)

Blue ring
Yellow ring
Run \# E [GeV]
RUN 11 - transverse polarization at IPs
injection $-\mathbf{0 . 9 2}$ -
$\mathbf{2 5 0}-\mathbf{- 2 . 8 8} \quad-1.07 \quad$ No tilt observed at Run 11
RUN 12 - transverse polarization at IPs

| injection | $-\mathbf{0 . 8 6 -}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 0 5}$ | -0.97 | Tilt observed at 255 GeV <br> $\mathbf{2 5 5}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{1 3 . 8}$ | -6.49 | from Run 12 on |

RUN 13 - longitudinal polarization at IPs
injection - 1.25 -
$\mathbf{2 5 5} \quad 13.28 \sim \mathbf{1 6 . 1 4} \quad-9.17 \sim-8.40 \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Interval includes pre/post rotator }\end{aligned}$
RUN 15 - Periods 1, 3 longitudinal / Period 2 transverse polarization at IPs

| injection | $\mathbf{0 . 4 0} \sim \mathbf{1 . 6 5}$ |  | $1.47 \sim 3.20$ |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  | $\mathbf{3 . 7 2} \sim \mathbf{4 . 8 6}$ |  | $1.27 \sim 3.20$ |

- Crucial point : What is the spin tilt at H-jet, located at IP12 ?
$\diamond$ To date it has been assumed $\mathbf{H}$-jet measures polarization magnitude $|\vec{P}|$, in calibrating pC polarimeters.


If there is a spin tilt $\phi \neq 0$ at IP12, then measured $|\vec{P}|$ is affected by a factor $\cos (\phi)$, e.g., main tilts measured during Run13/255 GeV :

- Yellow at store: $\phi=-9 \mathrm{deg} \rightarrow \cos (\phi)=0.99$,
-Blue at store: $\quad \phi=+\mathbf{1 6 d e g} \rightarrow \cos (\phi)=0.96, \quad \mathbf{4 \%}$ scale shift, significant, need to account for in polarization measurements...


## 3 PERTURBATION ON SNAKE ANGLES

- Reminder
$\diamond$ RHIC snake is a doublet of paired helices with central vertical symmetry
$\Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { does not introduce orbit defect, } \\ \text { precession axis is in median plane. }\end{array}\right.$

$\diamond$ fields $B_{1}$ and $B_{2}$ in respectively the outer and inner helix in a pair can be controlled $\Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { precession axis is at } \mu= \pm 45^{\circ}, \\ \phi=180^{\circ} \text { spin rotation ('‘full snake"). }\end{array}\right.$


Figure 6: Snake orbit cómponents. $\gamma=25$. OH fieldmap

- Principle of these investigations regarding the
effect errors on the spin rotation angles $\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}$ in RHIC snakes :
$\diamond\left(\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}\right)$ scans are performed, both angles are varied over $\pm 20^{\circ}$ centered on the nominal $\phi_{1,2}=180^{\circ}$ (spin flip).
$\diamond$ These $\left(\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}\right)$ scans are repeated to include various additional perturbations :
- defect closed orbit with various amplitudes,
- errors on the orientation of the spin precession axis $\mu_{1}, \mu_{2}$ in snakes 1 and 2,
- vertical orbit separation at non-intersecting IRs
- etc.
- A first example : ideal RHIC optics, 255 GeV , zero vertical orbit
$\diamond$ Because the vertical orbit is zero,
the vertical tilt angle of $\vec{n}_{0}$ is the same at pC and HJet polarimeters ;
(Note that $\vec{n}_{0}$ azimuth is different, due to $\mathbf{D 0}$ and $\mathbf{D X}$ separation dipoles between both.)

- Second example : case of a (large) 0.26 mm rms vertical orbit
$\diamond$ Such large vertical orbit is
about 10 times the regular one ( $25 \mu \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{rms}$ ).

$\diamond$ Similar $\vec{n}_{0}$ tilts result at $\mathbf{p C}$ and HJet polarimeters,
- A third example : vertical separation bumps at all IPs
$\diamond$ This is the configuration at end of ramp, before going to collision.
$\diamond$ Random orbit here is regular $\mathbf{2 5} \mu \mathrm{m}$ rms.

$\diamond$ The low- $\beta$ quadrupole triplet between HJet and pC polarimeters causes slightly different $\vec{n}_{0}$ tilt at $\mathbf{p C}$ and HJet.




## AND MORE :

- A small error on $\mu_{1}$
$\diamond \mu_{1}=-45 \mp 10$ deg, $\mu_{2}=+45$ deg.


- At injection, 23.8 GeV
$\diamond 0.26 \mathrm{~mm}$ rms vertical orbit $\rightarrow$ similar outcomes
- CONCLUSION TO THESE SPIN $\vec{n}_{0}$ TRACKING SIMULATIONS :
- All different conditions explored (closed orbit, perturbations on $\mu$, etc.)
$\diamond$ yield similar $\vec{n}_{0}$ tilt excursions over $180 \pm \mathbf{2 0}{ }^{\circ}$ scans of $\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}$
$\diamond$ namely, at both pC and at HJet polarimeters :
- $\vec{n}_{0}$ tilt angle $\sim 10$ degree for $\pm \mathbf{1 0}$ deg. error on the snake angles $\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}$
- and this, independent of energy : $250 \mathrm{GeV}, 100 \mathrm{GeV}$
or injection energy 23.8 GeV.


## 4 PLANS FOR FUTURE

- Measurements are planned in Run17. It will take 3 stores for $\pm 1^{\circ}$ accuracy on measurement of $\vec{n}_{0}$ tilt at pC polarimeters.
$\diamond$ We will re-measure spin tilt at 250 GeV (case of Run 11) and 255 GeV (case of Run 12, 13, 15)
- We will re-visit RHIC snakes magnetic field maps, and snake settings
$\diamond$ we plan to produce a 3-D OPERA map of the 4-helix magnet, and
- to review the transfer functions from coil currents to helix magnetic fields $B_{1}, B_{2}$ to spin rotation,
- to further investigate spin $\vec{n}_{0}$ based on tracking simulations in RHIC using the OPERA field maps of the two snakes.



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