

An ep-Polarimeter for RHIC

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Use longitudinal spin asymmetry in elastic electron-proton scattering for an absolute polarization measurement at RHIC.

Elastic e-p scattering:

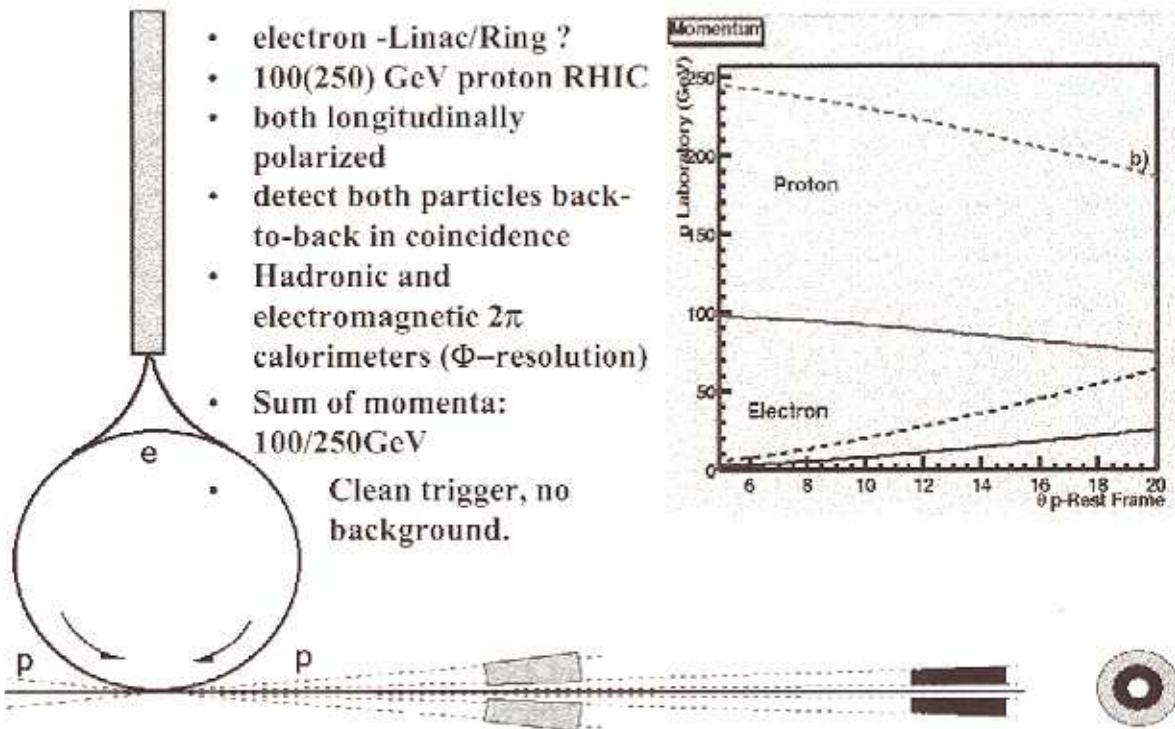
- Known large analyzing power
- Calculable
- Many data (Alguard et.al, etc.)



Scatter a longitudinally polarized electron beam off the longitudinally polarized proton beam

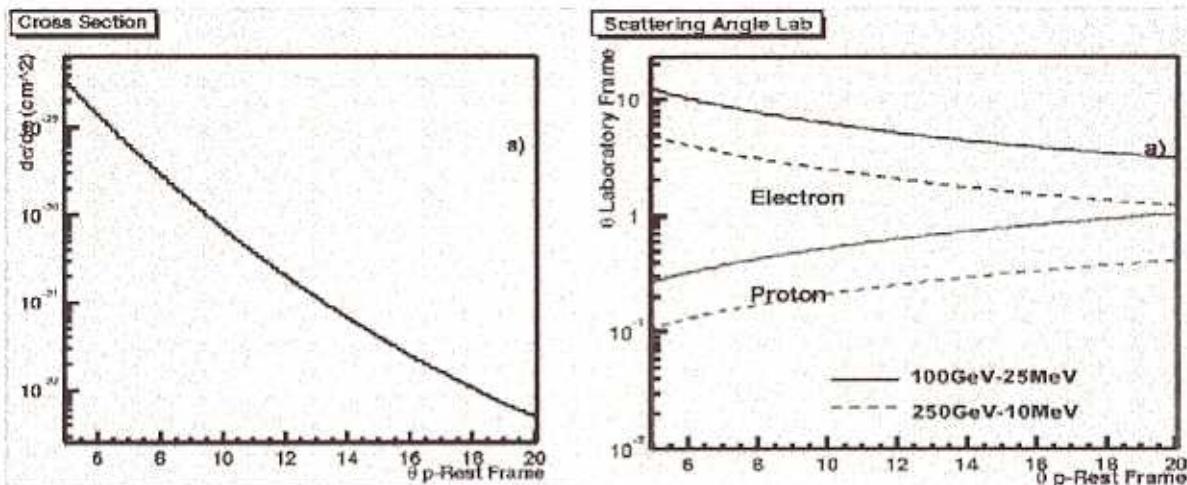
E_e 25 MeV (10 MeV) $\longrightarrow \longleftarrow E_p$ 100 GeV (250 GeV)

Setup



Kinematics

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{Mott} \times \left[\frac{G_E^2 + bG_M^2}{1+b} + 2bG_M^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$



- 25 MeV-100 GeV and 10MeV –250 GeV same c.m.s energy
- Scattering angles in lab: $0.1 < \theta_p < 1$ deg.; $1 < \theta_e < 10$

Longitudinal Asymmetry

$$A_{||} = \frac{\frac{\tau G_M}{G_E} \left\{ \frac{2M}{E} + \frac{G_M}{G_E} \left[\frac{2\tau M}{E} + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \right\}}{1 + \tau \left(\frac{G_M}{G_E} \right)^2 \left[1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]}$$

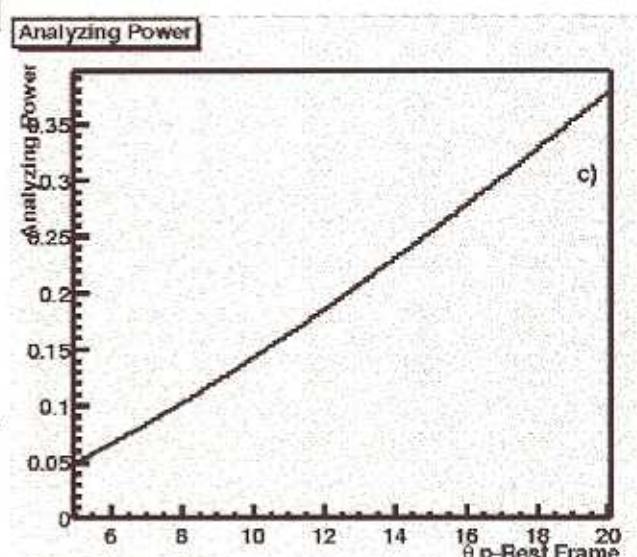
Form factors well measured

$$\frac{G_M}{G_E} = \frac{\mu^p}{\mu^n} = 2.79;$$

$$G_M(Q^2) = \frac{\mu^p}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71}\right)^2},$$

Asymmetry measured as

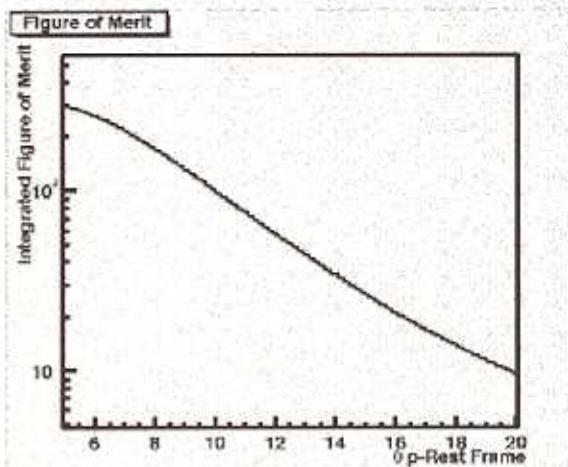
$$A_{||} \equiv \frac{\sigma^{\vec{n}} - \sigma^{\vec{s}}}{\sigma^{\vec{n}} + \sigma^{\vec{s}}} \approx \frac{1}{P_e P_p} \frac{N^{\vec{n}} - N^{\vec{s}}}{N^{\vec{n}} + N^{\vec{s}}}$$



Estimated Signal

Assume:

- Acceptance: $2\pi \times 0.1\text{-}10 \text{ deg}$
- Luminosity: $2 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
1% EIC, 10% pp
 $\sim 50\text{mA}$ (15mA) e-current
- Counting rate: 10Hz
($0.2 < \Theta p < 1$: 0.6 Hz @250GeV)
- Polarizations: $P_B=0.5, P_e=1$



Average asymmetry 0.04 measurable with

4% statistical uncertainty within a 10hr fill

Systematic uncertainty determined by the electron beam polarization measurement.

(With EIC luminosity 1.5% within 1hr !)

Summary

Feasibility?

- Detector/Calorimeters standard technology
(Distance of detectors to beam pipe and interaction region)
- Polarized source and accelerator:
R&D for EIC ?
- Reuse equipment ?
Jefferson, Bates, SLAC, Tesla, Lep.....
- Needs expert input ... Needs to mature ...

At Luminosity $2 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (1% EIC, 10% pp) a signal asymmetry of $A=0.04$ could be measured with 4% statistical uncertainty within 10 hours.

Previous e-p Proposals

- Deep-inelastic scattering (Igo et.al, 96)
x-section and asymmetries small w.r.t. elastic ep
- Elastic e-p on transverse p-beam (Glavanakov et.al 1996)
 A_{LL} A_{NN} A_{LS} , anti-collider, small (<5 mrad) scattering angles,
only e or p detected, magnet to bend out from beam.
- Elastic e-p from atomic H gas target (Nikolenko et.al 1996)
target as for pp, background , fixed target kinematics,
detect p-and e in coincidence, deflector magnets

Elastic muon-electron scattering successful used for beam polarization measurements by SMC