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Spin Physics at Nuclotron: Status and Perspectives

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Outline

- Nucleon-nucleon interaction at short distances (Short Range Correlations SRC)
- Beam and focal polarimetry
- Experiments on the proton spin manipulation

Most of the results are obtained using new Source of Polarized Ions (SPI) at Nuclotron (developed partly using the equipment obtained from IUCF polarized ion source).

Motivation of the dp interaction studies at Nuclotron

- Nucleon-nucleon interaction at short distances (Short Range Correlations SRC)
- Relativistic effects
- Transition to the nonnucleonic degrees of freedom
- Contribution of three-nucleon forces (3NFs) Short Range?





K. Sekiguchi et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 162301 (2005)

K. Hatanaka et al., Phys. Rev. C 66, 044002 (2002)

Analyzing powers in dp- elastic scattering at 880 MeV



Solid lines are the Faddeev calculations using CD-Bonn potential (H.Witala, private communication)

Dashed lines are the multiple scattering model calculations using CD -Bonn DWF (N.B.Ladygina, Phys.Atom.Nucl.71 (2008) 2039)

Dott-dashed lines are the optical-potential calculations using Dibaryon DWF (M.Shikhalev, Phys.Atom.Nucl.72 (2009) 588)

Published in P.K.Kurilkin et al., Phys.Lett.B715 (2012) 61-65

Relativistic multiple scattering model for **dp**- elastic scattering at moderate energies



 ONE+SS+DS N.B.Ladygina, Phys.Atom.Nucl.71 (2008) 2039

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dp- elastic scattering cross section at 1000, 1500 and 1800 MeV



Pictures are taken from A.A.Terekhin et al., Eur.Phys.J, A55 (2019) 129

Relativistic multiple scattering model calculation: N.B.Ladygina, Eur.Phys.J, A52 (2016) 199

CCR for dp- elastic scattering cross section



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Lines are the results of the fit by the S^{-16} (dashed) and S^{-n} (solid) dependencies.



Figure of merit will be increased in future by a factor ~10³

Nuclotron-M accelerator complex



Experiments at Internal Target Station at Nuclotron DSS-project



Internal Target Station is very well suited for the measurements of the deuteron- induced reactions observables at large scattering angles.

Upgrade of the DSS setup at ITS at Nuclotron



New infrastructure, cabling New HV system (Mpod) New VME DAQ 40 counters for dp-elastic scattering studies 8 dE-E detectors for dp -breakup studies



Setup to study dp- elastic scattering at ITS at Nuclotron



- Deuterons and protons in coincidences using scintillation counters
- Internal beam and thin **CH**₂ target (**C** for background estimation)
- Permanent polarization measurement at 270 MeV (between each energy).
- Analyzing powers measurement at 400-1800 MeV
- The data were taken for three spin modes of SPI: unpolarized, "2-6" and "3-5" with $(p_z, p_{zz}) = (0,0)$, (1/3,1) and (1/3,-1).
- Typical values of the polarization were 70-75% from the ideal values.

The dp-elastic scattering events selection



Selection of the dp elastic events by the time difference between the signal appearance from deuteron and proton detectors with the criteria on the amplitude signal correlation.

Angular dependence of the vector and tensor analyzing
powers in dp-elastic scattering at 400 MeVAyAyyAxx



Full symbols are the data from Nuclotron. Open symbols are the world data (IUCF, Saclay).

Curves are the relativistic multiple scattering model calculations N.B.Ladygina, Eur.Phys.J, A42 (2009) 91

Angular dependencies of the vector Ay and tensor Ayy and Axx analyzing powers in dp-elastic scattering at 1300 MeV



Data shown by the open triangles and squares are obtained at 1200 MeV at Saclay and ANL, respectively.

Curves are the relativistic multiple scattering model calculations N.B.Ladygina, Eur.Phys.J, A52 (2016) 199, ibid A56 (2020) 133. + additional **p**-meson exchange

Structure in Ay-Ayy behaviour observed at Saclay at 1200 MeV and at 100-130 degrees in cms is confirmed, its energy dependence is studied.

Energy dependence of the vector Ay and tensor Ayy analyzing powers in dp-elastic scattering at 700-1800 MeV



Full circles are new data from Nuclotron. Open symbols are the world data. Change the signs of the Ay and Ayy values at 600 MeV/c. Asymptotic behaviour at large P_T.

Continuation of the DSS physics program with polarized deuteron and proton beams is included in the 7-year JINR Topical Plan for 2024-2030

Polarization measurements using dp- elastic scattering at 270 MeV at ITS



SPI was tuned for 6 spin modes $(p_z, p_{zz}) = (1/3, 1), (1/3, -1), (0, +1), (0, -2), (-2/3, 0), (+1, 0).$

Vector polarization of the deuteron beam using dpelastic scattering at 270 MeV and pp- quasielatic scattering at ITS



- Vector component of the deuteron beam polarization has been measured at 500, 650, 550 and 200 MeV/nucleon using ppquasielastic scattering.
- Detectors placed in the horizontal plane only were used.
- Analyzing power values from SAID were used to evaluate of the beam polarization values for the pp- quasi- elastic scattering measurements.

Both methods gives similar results!

counters

Polarized protons at Nuclotron.

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Injection of 5 MeV protons into Nuclotron ring.
Acceleration up to 500 MeV- no serious depolarization resonances.
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Unpolarized protons: I \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^8 ppp
Polarized protons: I \sim 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^7 ppp
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IPol=1 P=1 (WFT 1→3)
IPol=2 P=0 (unpolarized)
IPol=3 P=1 (WFT 1→3)
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beam 2/3 of time.

Having the asymmetries for 6 angles (55°-85° in the cms) we obtained the averaged value of the proton beam polarization

Unpolarized protons: $P= 0.056 \pm 0.021$ Polarized protons: $P= 0.367 \pm 0.015$

New detection system for proton polarimeter is under preparation. A.A.Terekhin et al.,Phys.Part.Nucl. 54 (2023) 634.

New experiments on the proton spin manipulation



Measurements of the integer resonance yG=k=2 power (Tkin=108 MeV)

Measurements of the proton beam polarization at 100 and 120 MeV at different dB/dt

The final goal is to prove the possibility of Spin- Transparent mode at integer resonances (for SPD at NICA)



Yu.N.Filatov et al., JETP Lett. 116 (2022) 413; Pis'ma v JETP 118 (2023) 389.

Conclusion

Upgraded Nuclotron with new SPI provides quite unique opportunity for the studies of the spin effects and polarization phenomena in few body systems using polarized deuteron and proton beams, for the focal and beam polarimetry development.

The results obtained at Nuclotron demonstrate the power law scaling behaviour for the cross section as well as the asymptotic values for the Ay and Ayy analyzing powers in dp- elastic scattering at large tranverse momenta (>600 MeV/c). This can be due to the manifestation of the fundamental degrees of freedom.

The nearest goals are to reach **5**•**10**⁹ (CH₂ target limitation) and **10**¹⁰ deuterons/spill for the ITS and extracted beam experiments, respectively; to start the experiments with polarized proton beam.

Thank you for the attention!