

# How to polarize antiprotons and what to use them for?

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**P**olarized **A**ntiproton **E**Xperiments

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# Introduction

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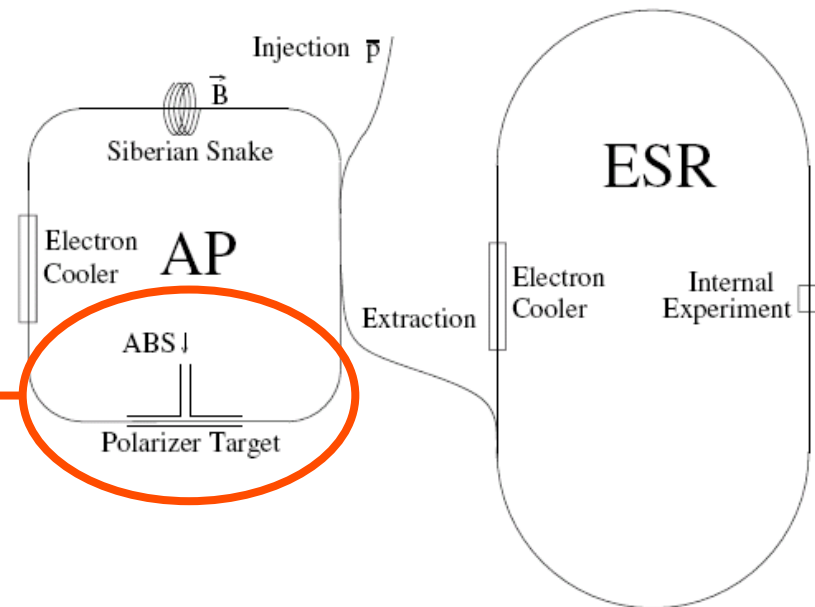
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## A Method to Polarize Stored Antiprotons to a High Degree

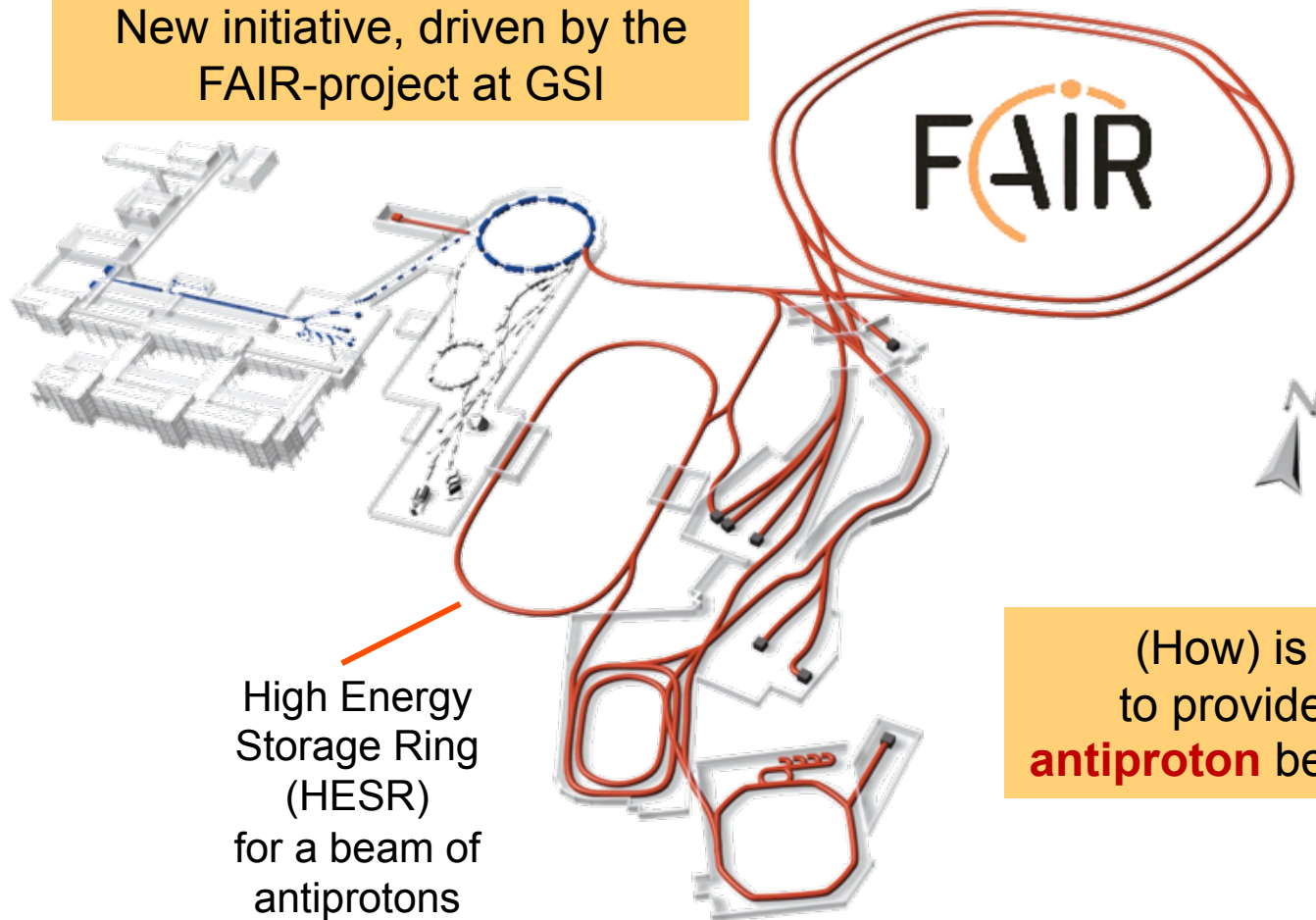
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We have proposed a method to polarize antiprotons by „spin-filtering“



# Introduction

New initiative, driven by the  
FAIR-project at GSI

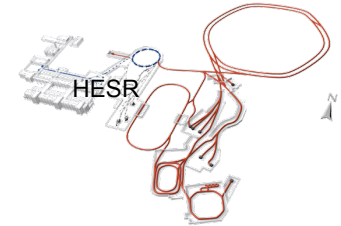


High Energy  
Storage Ring  
(HESR)  
for a beam of  
antiprotons

(How) is it possible  
to provide **polarized**  
**antiproton** beams in HESR?

# QCD Physics at FAIR uses unpolarized Antiprotons

**PAX** → Polarized Antiprotons

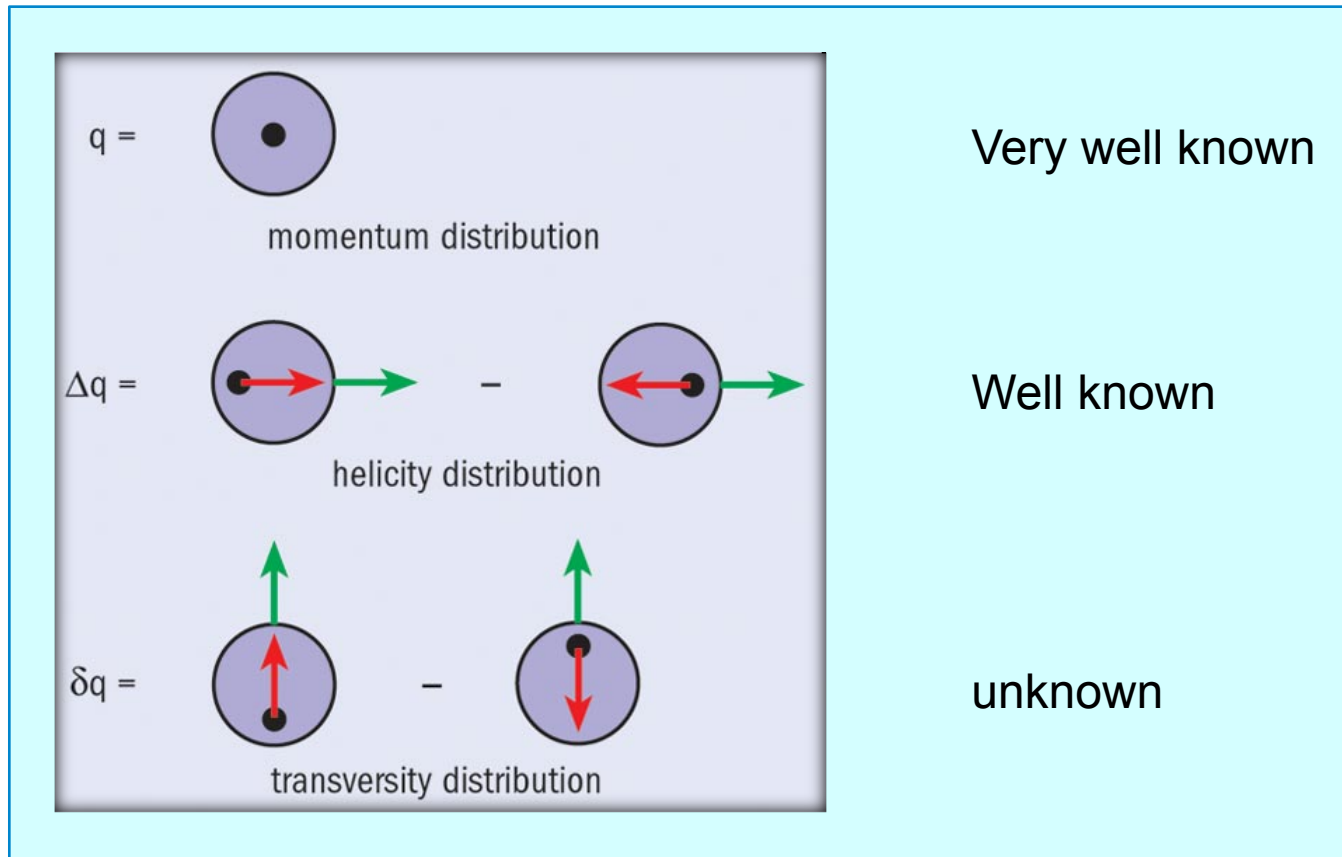


## Physics Case:

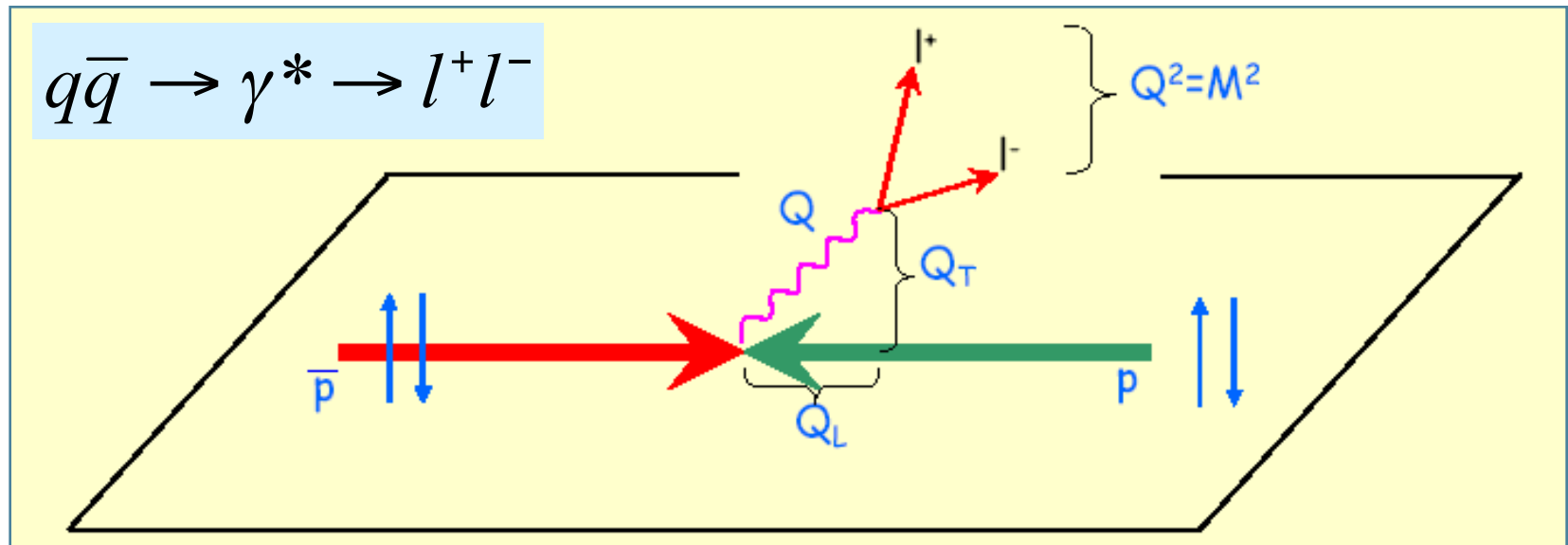
Transversity distribution of the nucleon in Drell-Yan:

- Last leading-twist missing piece of the QCD description of the partonic structure of the nucleon
- **Direct measurement of  $h_1^q(x, Q^2)$  of the proton for valence quarks** ( $A_{TT}$  in Drell-Yan  $> 0.2$ )
  - transversely polarized proton beam or target (✓)
  - **transversely polarized antiproton beam (✗)**
- + other polarization observables in  $\vec{p}\vec{p}$

# Proton spin structure



# Quark Transversity Distribution in Drell-Yan



Double transverse spin asymmetry:

$$A_{TT} \equiv \frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}} = \hat{a}_{TT} \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 h_1^q(x_1, M^2) h_1^{\bar{q}}(x_2, M^2)}{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x_1, M^2) \bar{q}(x_2, M^2)}$$

First direct measurement: **No competitive processes**

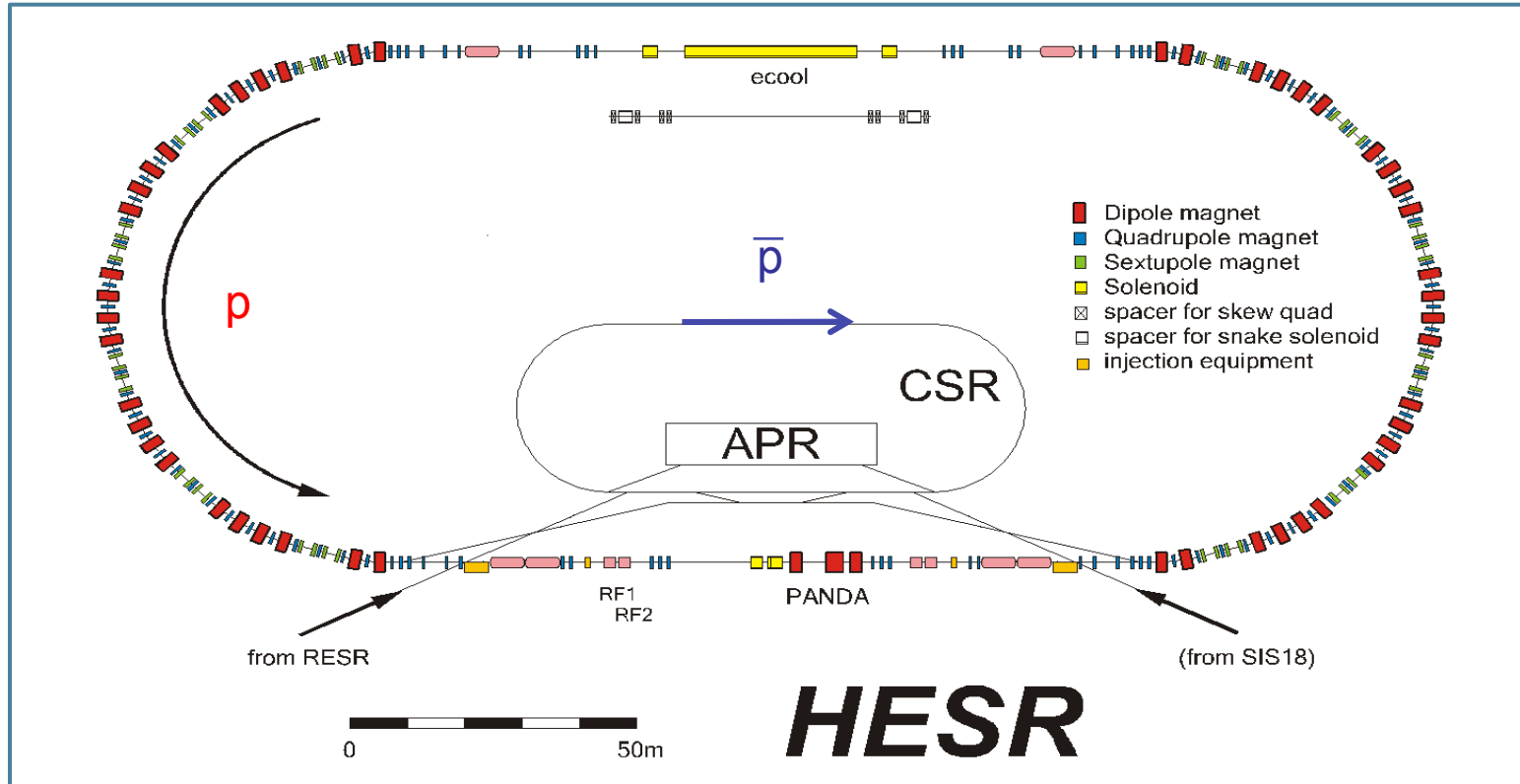
	non-TMD	TMD
self-sufficient	$\bar{p}^\uparrow p^\uparrow \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell} X$	$p \bar{p}^\uparrow \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell} X$
	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow \rightarrow (\text{high-}p_T \text{ jet}) X$	$\bar{p} p^\uparrow \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell} X$
using external input	$e p^\uparrow \rightarrow e' \Lambda^\uparrow X$	$e p^\uparrow \rightarrow e' \pi X$
	$pp^\uparrow \rightarrow \Lambda^\uparrow X$	$\pi p^\uparrow \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell} X$
	$e p^\uparrow \rightarrow e' (\pi^+ \pi^-) X$	
	$pp^\uparrow \rightarrow (\pi^+ \pi^-) X$	

(from Daniel Boer <http://arxiv.org/abs/0808.2886v1>, 2008)

Only double polarized Drell-Yan is self-sufficient to determine transversity



# Hadron Physics „Dream Machine“ for FAIR



... an asymmetric (double-polarized)  
 proton (15 GeV/c) – antiproton (3.5 GeV/c) collider  
 using HESR, CSR and APR

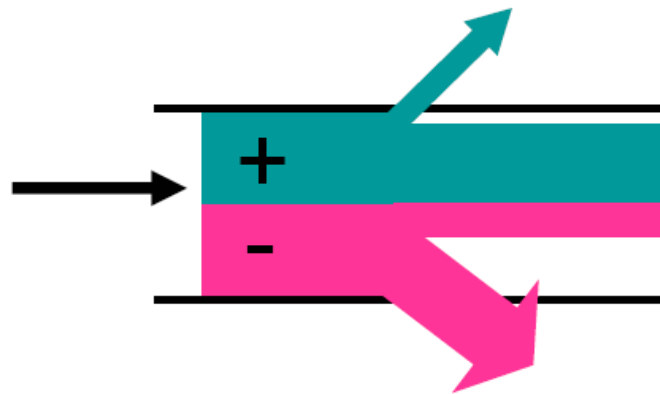
# Plan of talk

- Polarizing antiprotons ...
  - Proposals, ideas, calculations, ...
  - Experiments
    - FILTEX (TSR)
    - $e\vec{p}$  spin flip cross section measurement at COSY
    - Spin-filtering at AD/CERN
    - Spin-filtering at COSY
  - Conclusion

# Production of polarization in a stored beam

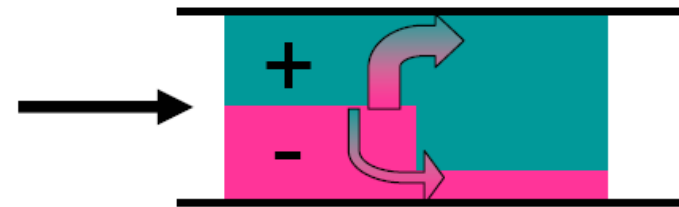
## Two Methods: Loss versus spin flip

For an ensemble of spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  particles with projections  $+$  ( $\uparrow$ ) and  $-$  ( $\downarrow$ )



**selective loss**

**discard** (one) **substate**  
(more than the other)



**selective flip**

**reverse** (one) **substate**  
(more than the other)

# Proposed methods: Spin flip

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Special Article – Tools for Experiment and Theory

## A surprising method for polarising antiprotons

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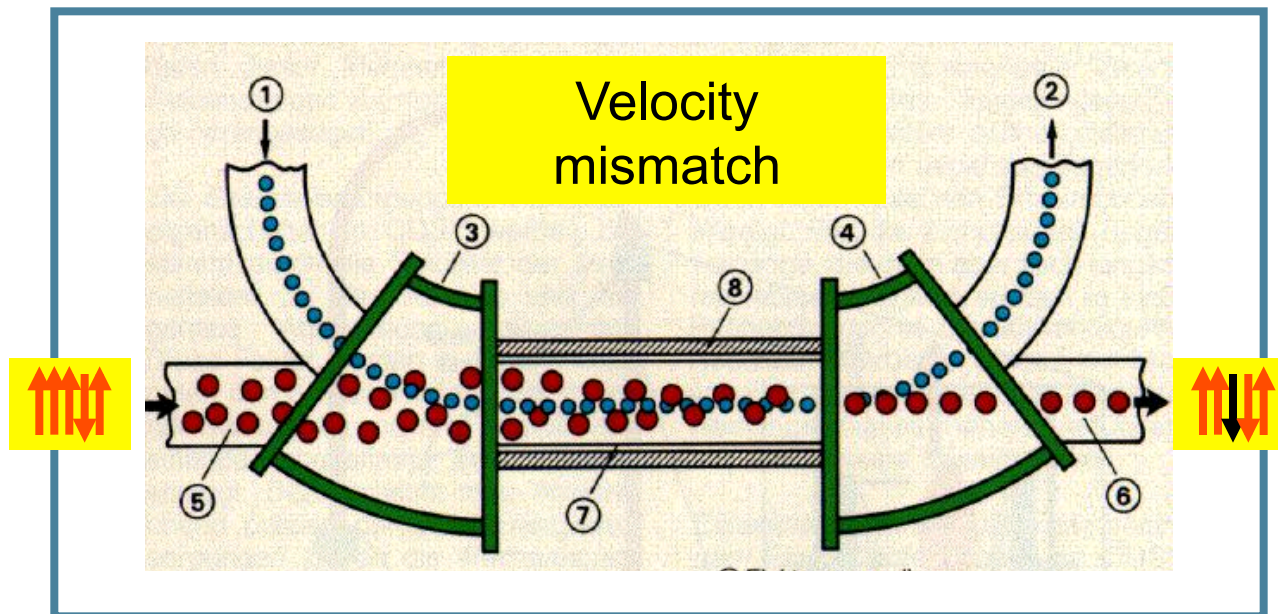
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**Abstract.** We propose a method for polarising antiprotons in a storage ring by means of a polarised positron beam moving parallel to the antiprotons. If the relative velocity is adjusted to  $v/c \approx 0.002$  the cross-section for spin-flip is as large as about  $2 \cdot 10^{13}$  barn as shown by new QED calculations of the triple spin cross-

→ Need for an **experimental test** of this idea!

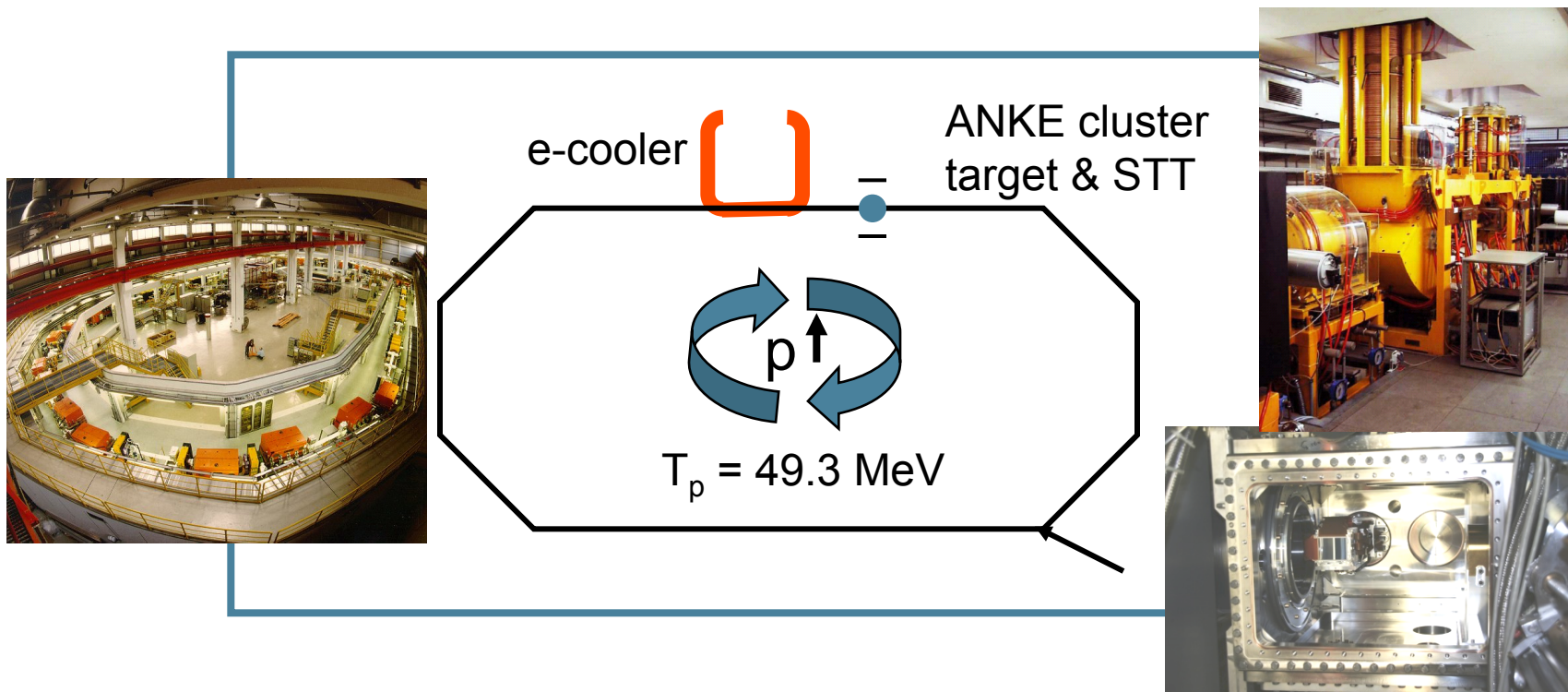
# Depolarization Studies at COSY: Idea

- Use **proton** beam and co-moving **electrons**
- Turn experiment around:  $p \vec{e} \rightarrow \vec{p}$  into  $\vec{p} e \rightarrow p$   
i.e. observe **depolarization** of a polarized proton beam



# ep spin flip studies at COSY: Principle

- Use **(transversely) polarized** proton beam circulating in COSY
- Switch on **(detuned) electron cooler** to depolarize proton beam
- Analyze **proton polarization** with internal D<sub>2</sub>-cluster target of ANKE



# ep spin flip studies at COSY: Feasibility

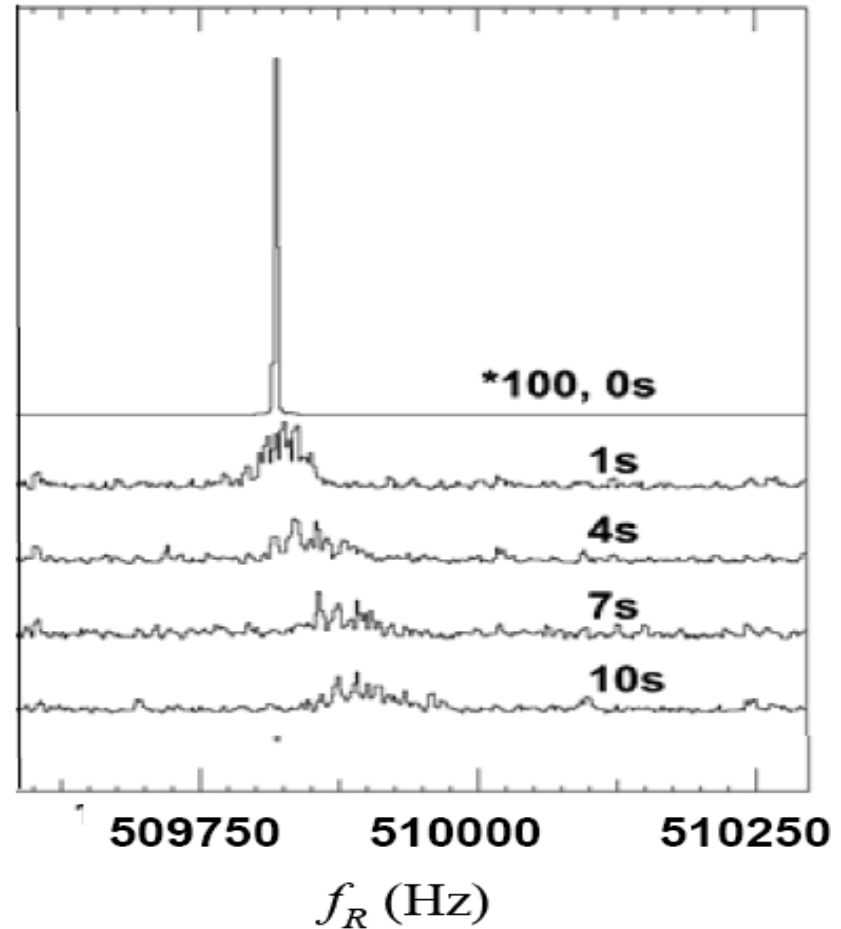
After detuning, proton energy slowly follows electron energy:

$$\Delta U = 245 \text{ V} \rightarrow \Delta v_e = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-3} c$$

$$\Delta f_R = 40 \text{ Hz in } 5 \text{ s:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta v_p &= \frac{v_p \cdot \Delta f_R}{\eta \cdot f_R} \\ &= \Delta f_R \cdot 8.7 \cdot 10^{-7} \\ &= 4 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot c \end{aligned}$$

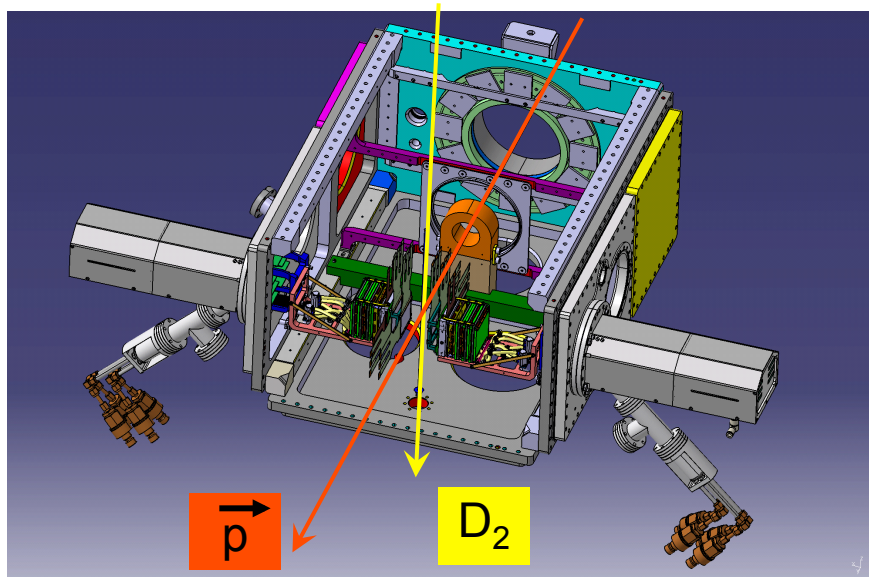
$$\Delta v_p / \Delta v_e \sim 0.03$$



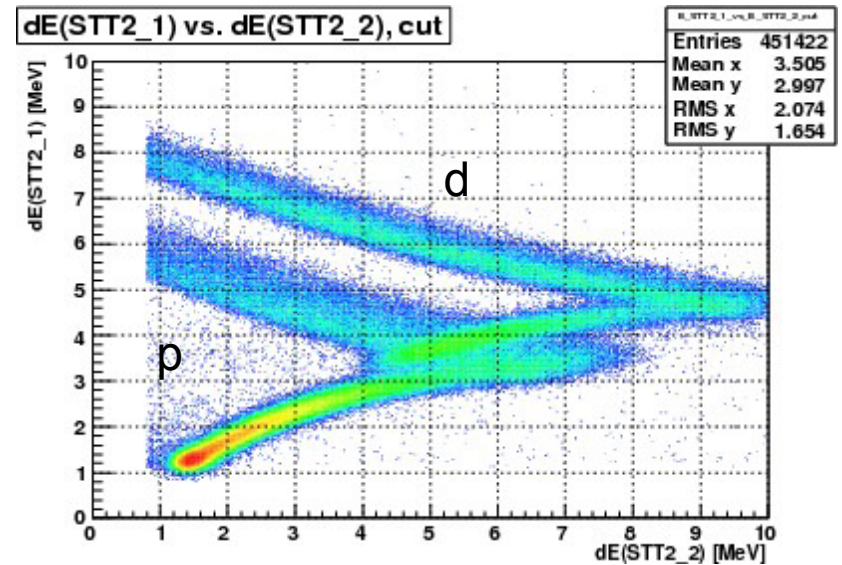
Detuning e-cooler for 5 s only ensures that proton momentum stays fixed.

# Polarimetry

pd elastic scattering:  
detection in two (L-R) symmetric  
Silicon Tracking Telescopes

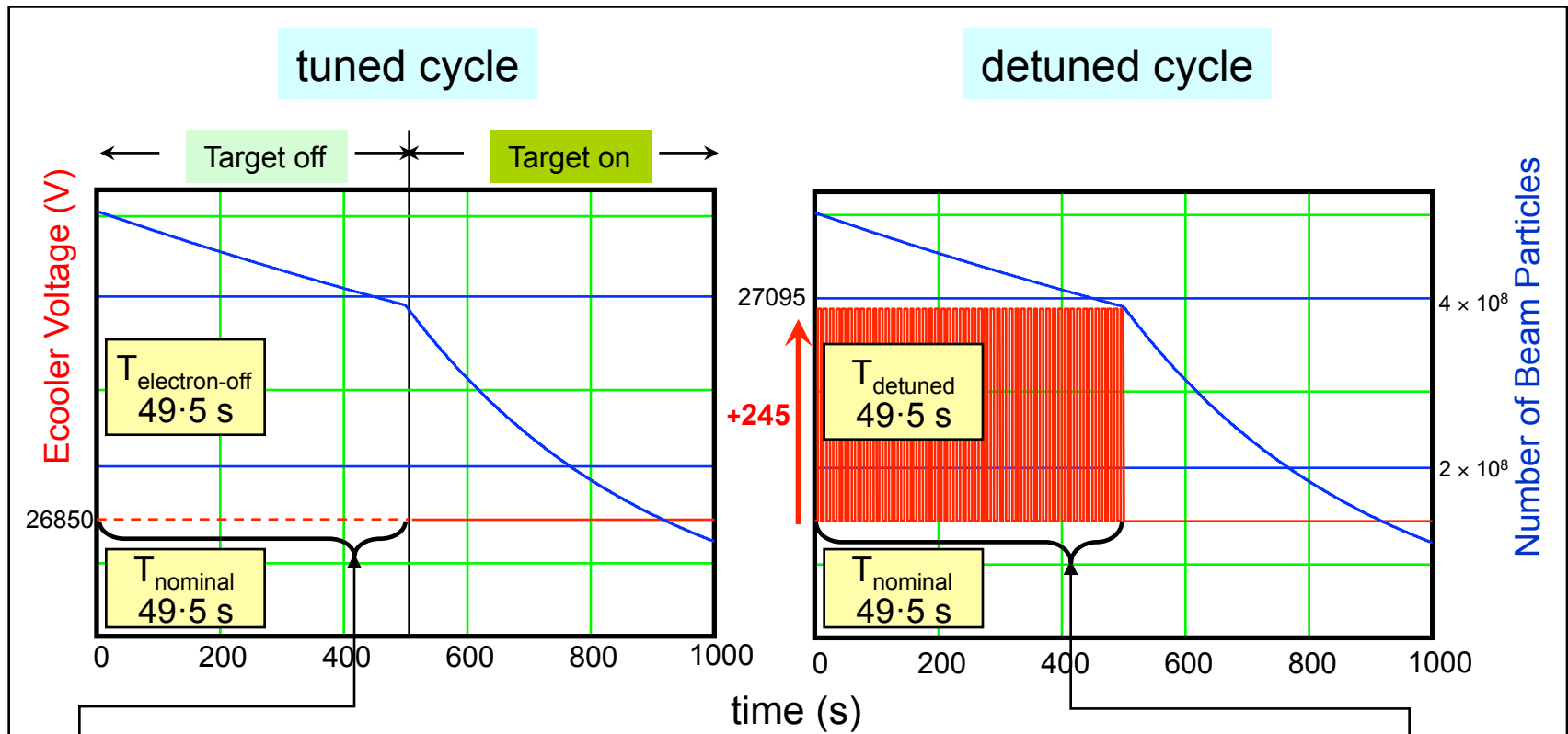


## Deuteron identification



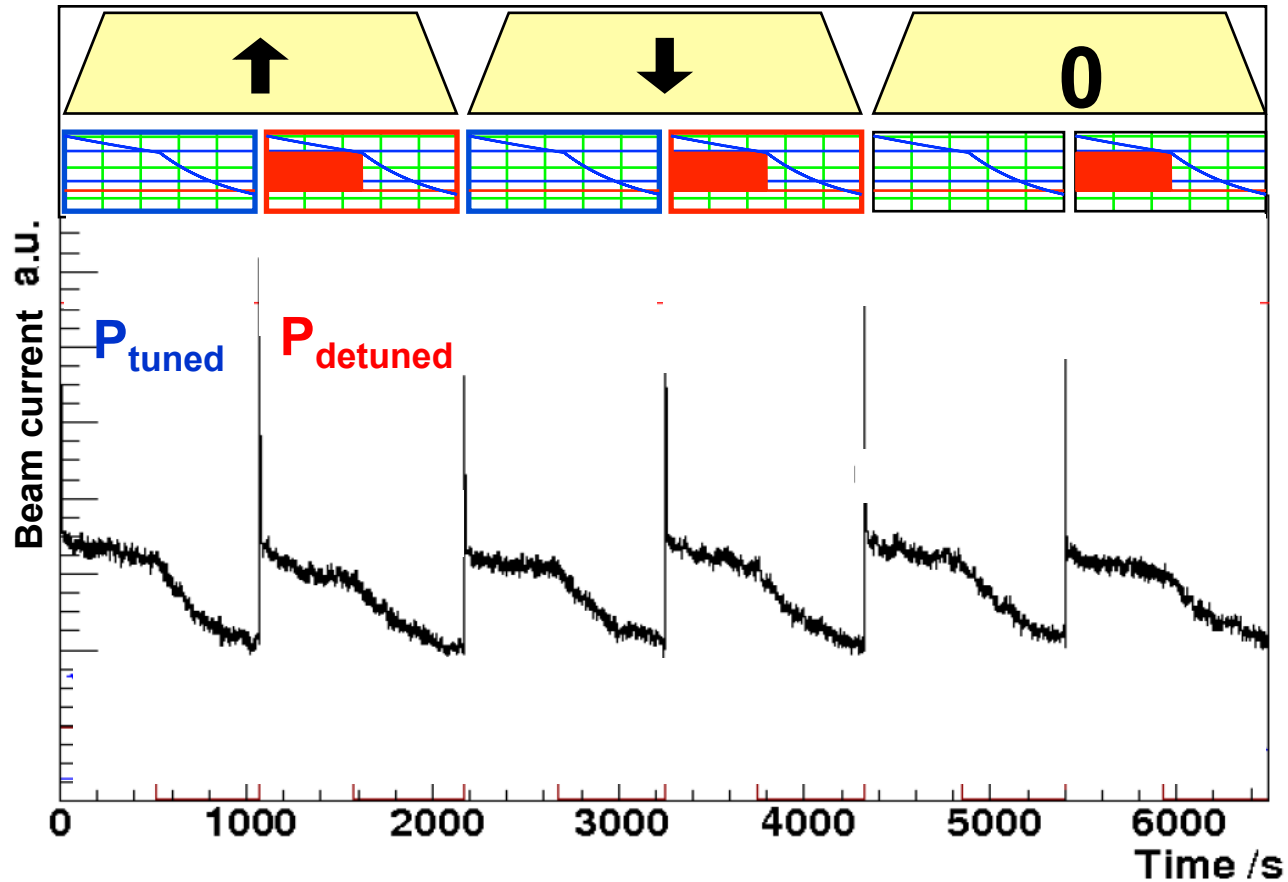


# $e\bar{p}$ spin flip studies at COSY: Cycle setup



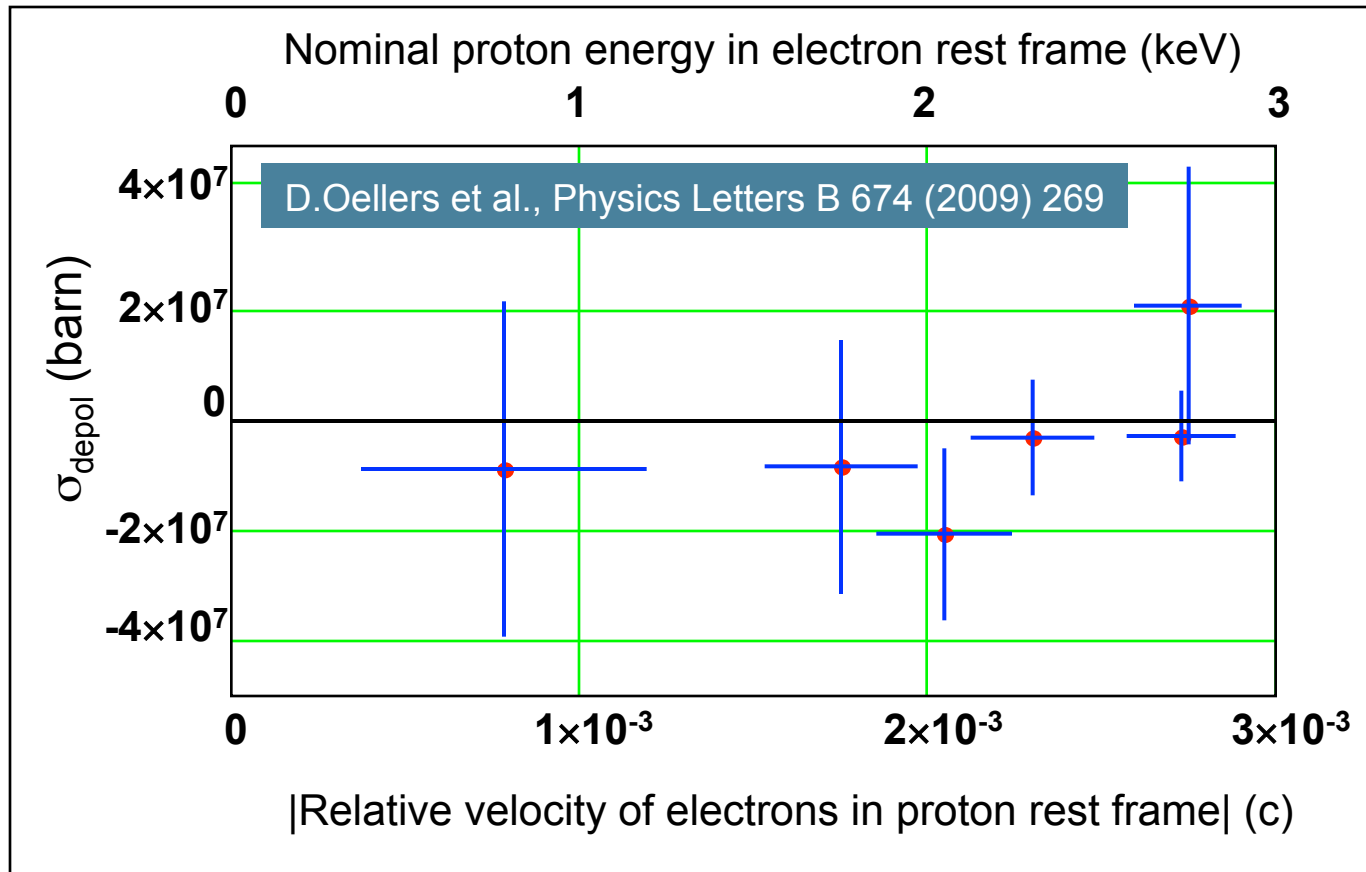
Compare cycle-by-cycle: **No electrons to detuned electrons**

# Setup of the Super Cycle



Determine  $P_{\text{tuned}}$  and  $P_{\text{detuned}}$  from *identical* cycles, except for detuned cooler

# $e\vec{p}$ spin flip cross section at COSY



**No effect observed:** measured cross sections at least 6 orders-of-magnitude smaller than predicted  $10^{13}$  b.

Meanwhile, Mainz group discovered numerical problems in the calculation → two errata.

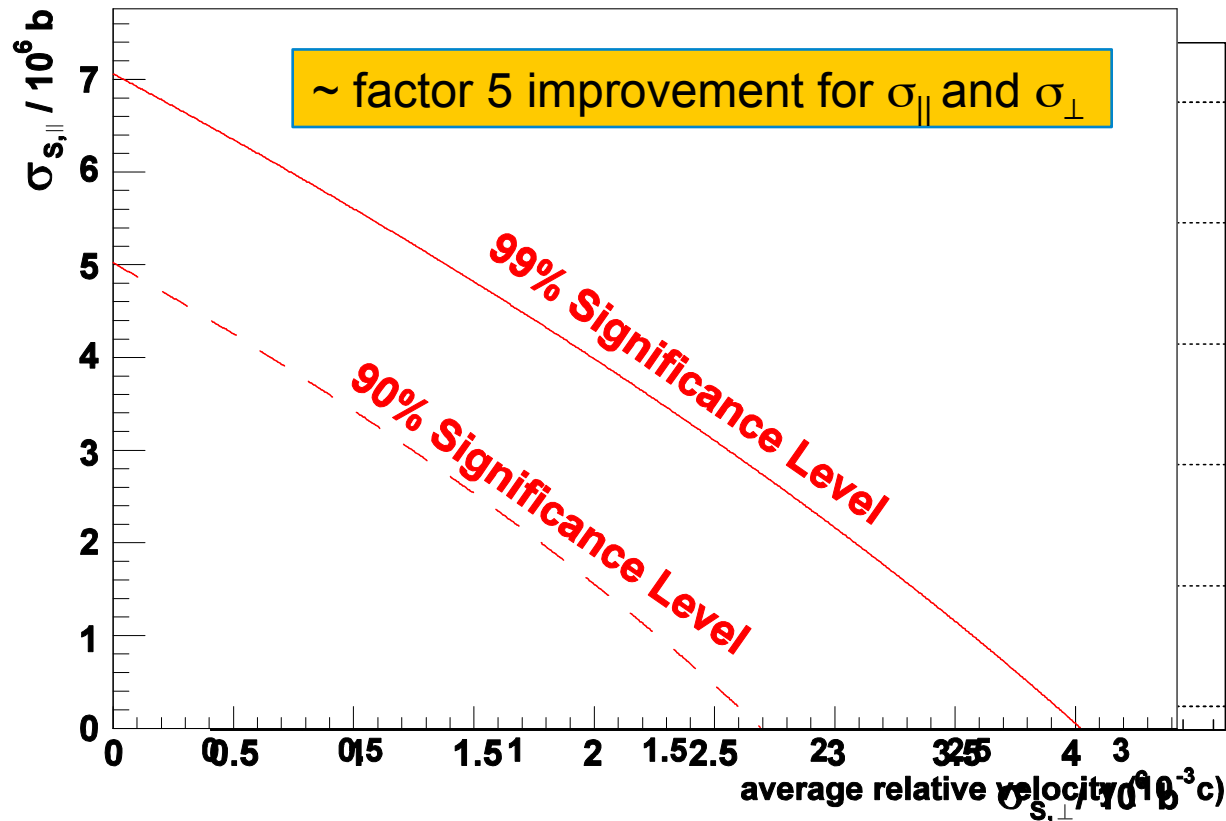
# More statistics from ep spin flip cross sections

Two disjunct samples with high statistics

1. Minimum bias cut for deuterons
2. All additional single track events



$$P_E / P_0 = (\epsilon_E * A_y) / (\epsilon_0 * A_y) = \epsilon_E / \epsilon_0$$



# ep spin flip studies at COSY: New calc's



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## Polarization effects in non-relativistic *ep* scattering

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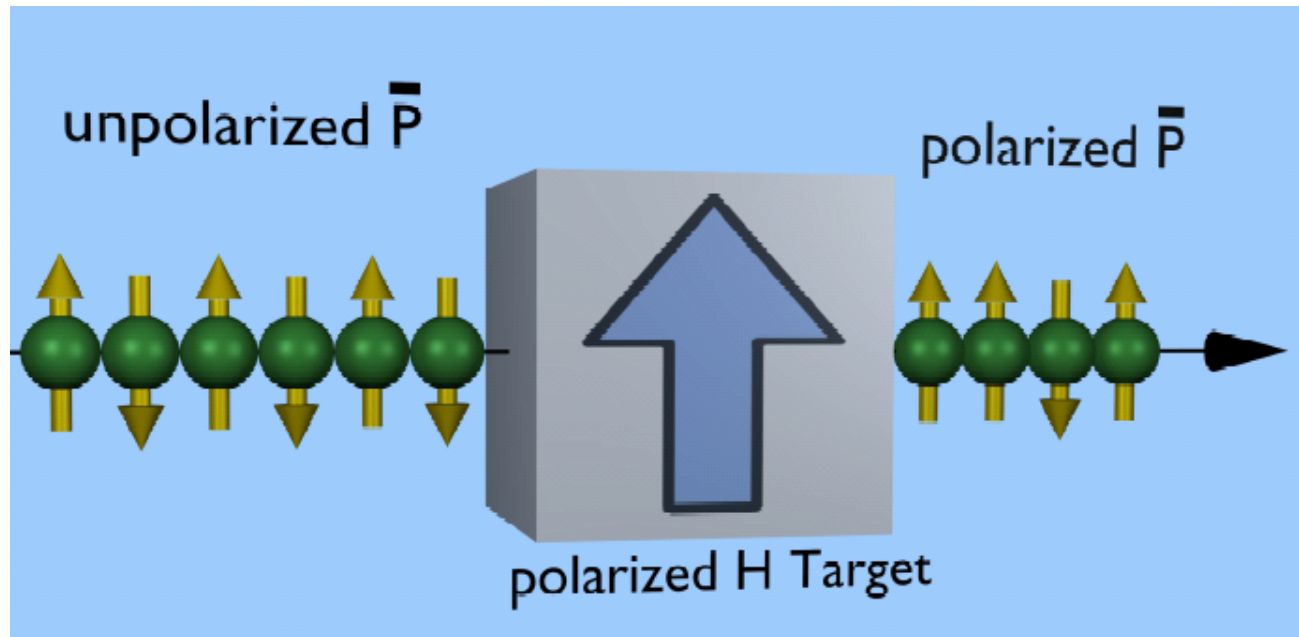
### Abstract

The cross section which addresses the spin-flip transitions of a proton (antiproton) interacting with a polarized non-relativistic electron or positron is calculated analytically. In the case of attraction, this cross section is greatly enhanced for sufficiently small relative velocities as compared to the result obtained in the Born approximation. However, it is still very small, so that the beam polarization time turns out to be enormously large for the parameters of  $e^\pm$  beams available now. This practically rules out a use of such beams to polarize stored antiprotons or protons.

**~ 1 mb → No effect expected!**

# Spin-filtering

**Polarization build-up** of an initially unpolarized particle beam by repeated passage through a polarized hydrogen target in a storage ring:



ep spin-flip experiment settled a long-standing controversy:  
**Only nucleon-nucleon interaction contributes to polarization build-up**

# Polarization Buildup

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_0 + \sigma_1 \cdot \vec{P} \cdot \vec{Q} + \sigma_2 \cdot (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{k})$$

$\vec{P}$  beam polarization  
 $\vec{Q}$  target polarization  
 $\vec{k} \parallel$  beam direction

For initially equally populated spin states:  $\uparrow$  ( $m=+1/2$ ) and  $\downarrow$  ( $m=-1/2$ )

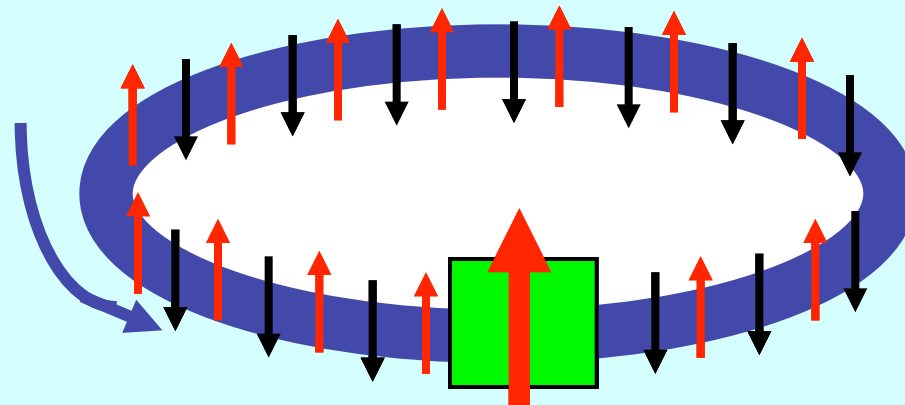
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$$\sigma_{\text{tot}\pm} = \sigma_0 \pm \sigma_1 \cdot Q$$

longitudinal case:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}\pm} = \sigma_0 \pm (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \cdot Q$$

Unpolarized  
anti-p beam



Polarized target

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P beam polarization  
Q target polarization  
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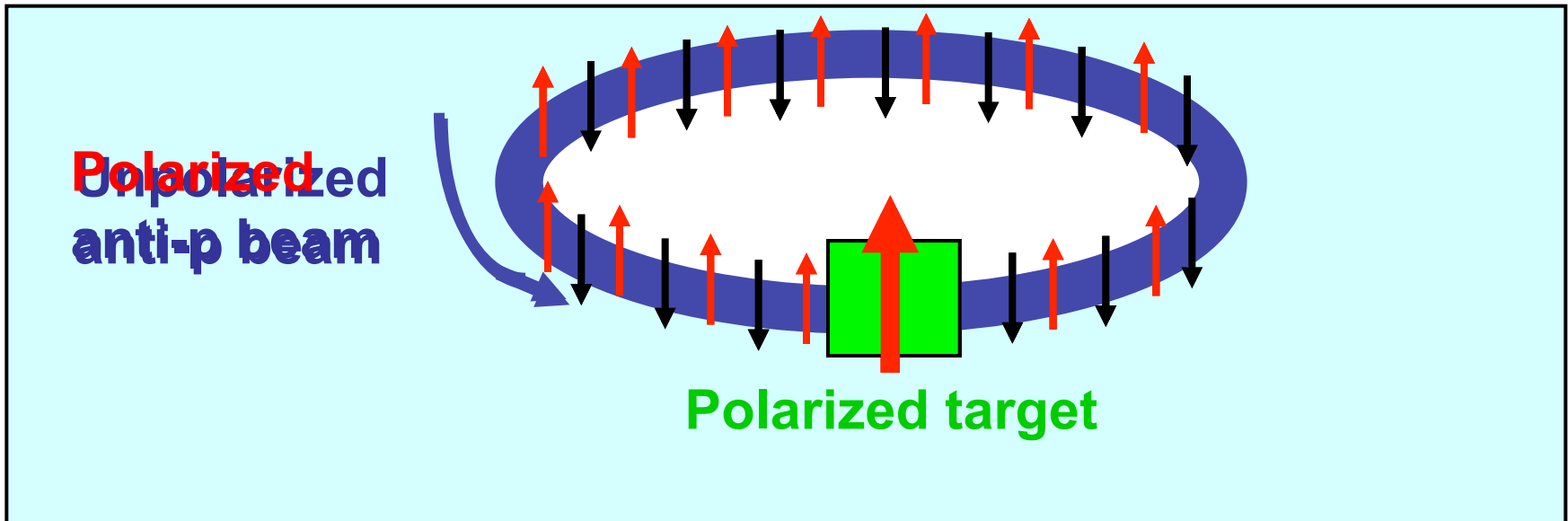
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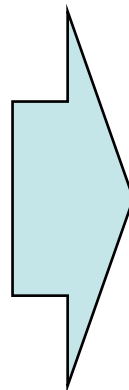
$$\sigma_{\text{tot}\pm} = \sigma_0 \pm (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \cdot Q$$

$$\tau_{\text{beam}} = \frac{1}{(\sigma_0 + \Delta\sigma_c) \cdot d_t \cdot f_{\text{rev}}}$$

$$\tau_{\text{pol}} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{pol}} \cdot Q \cdot d_t \cdot f_{\text{rev}}}$$

$$I_+(t) = \frac{I_0}{2} \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{beam}}}} \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{pol}}}}$$

$$I_-(t) = \frac{I_0}{2} \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{beam}}}} \cdot e^{+\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{pol}}}}$$



## Time dependence of P, I, and FOM

$$P(t) = \frac{I_+ - I_-}{I_+ + I_-} = -\tanh\left(\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{pol}}}\right)$$

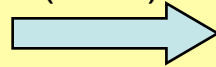
$$I(t) = I_+ + I_- = I_0 \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{beam}}}} \cdot \cosh\left(\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{pol}}}\right)$$

$$\text{FOM}(t) = P(t)^2 \cdot I(t)$$

statistical error of a double polarization observable ( $A_{TT}$ )

$$\delta_{A_{TT}} = \frac{1}{P \cdot Q \cdot \sqrt{N}}$$

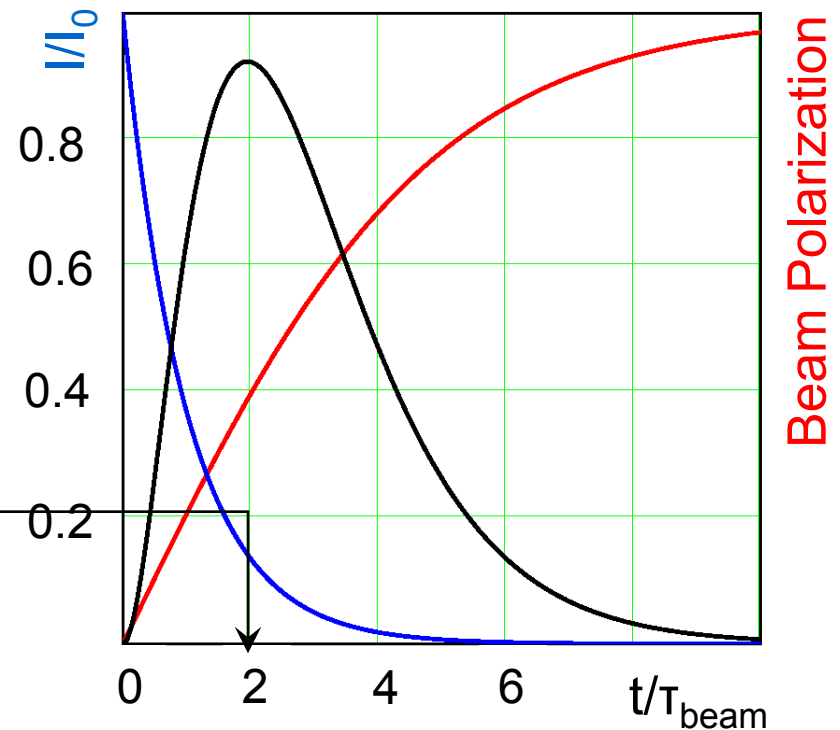
( $N \sim I$ )



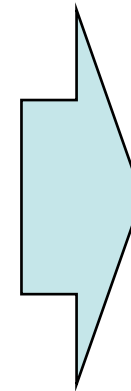
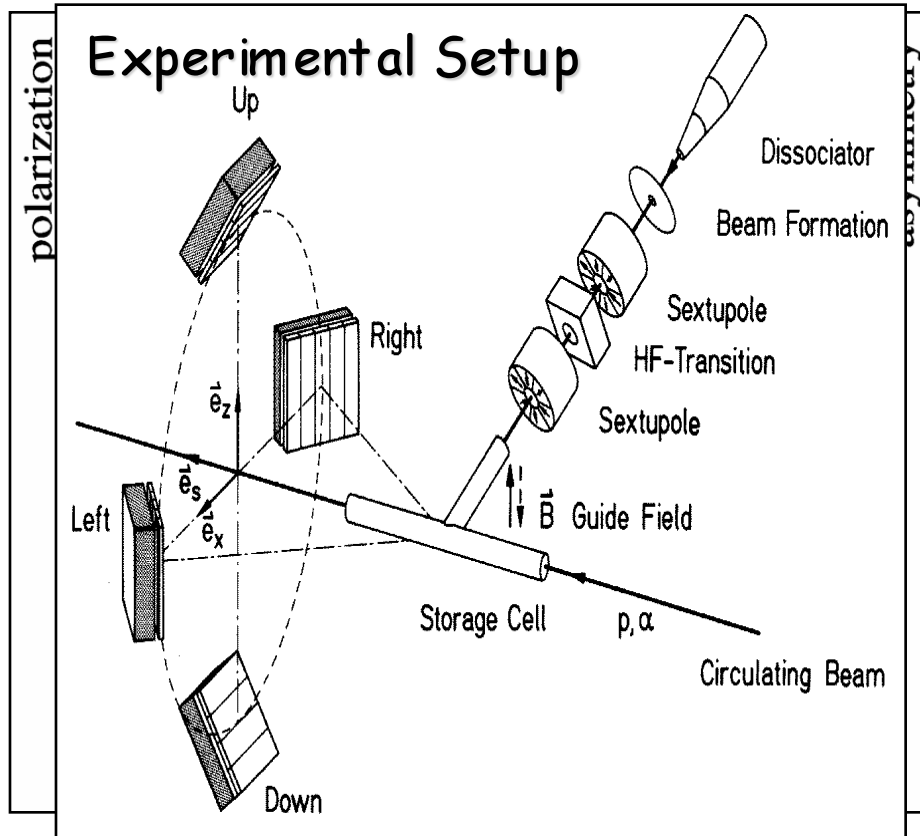
Measuring time  $t$  to achieve a certain error  $\delta_{ATT}$   
 $t \sim \text{FOM} = P^2 \cdot I$

Optimum time for Polarization Buildup given by maximum of  $\text{FOM}(t)$

$$t_{\text{filter}} = 2 \cdot T_{\text{beam}}$$



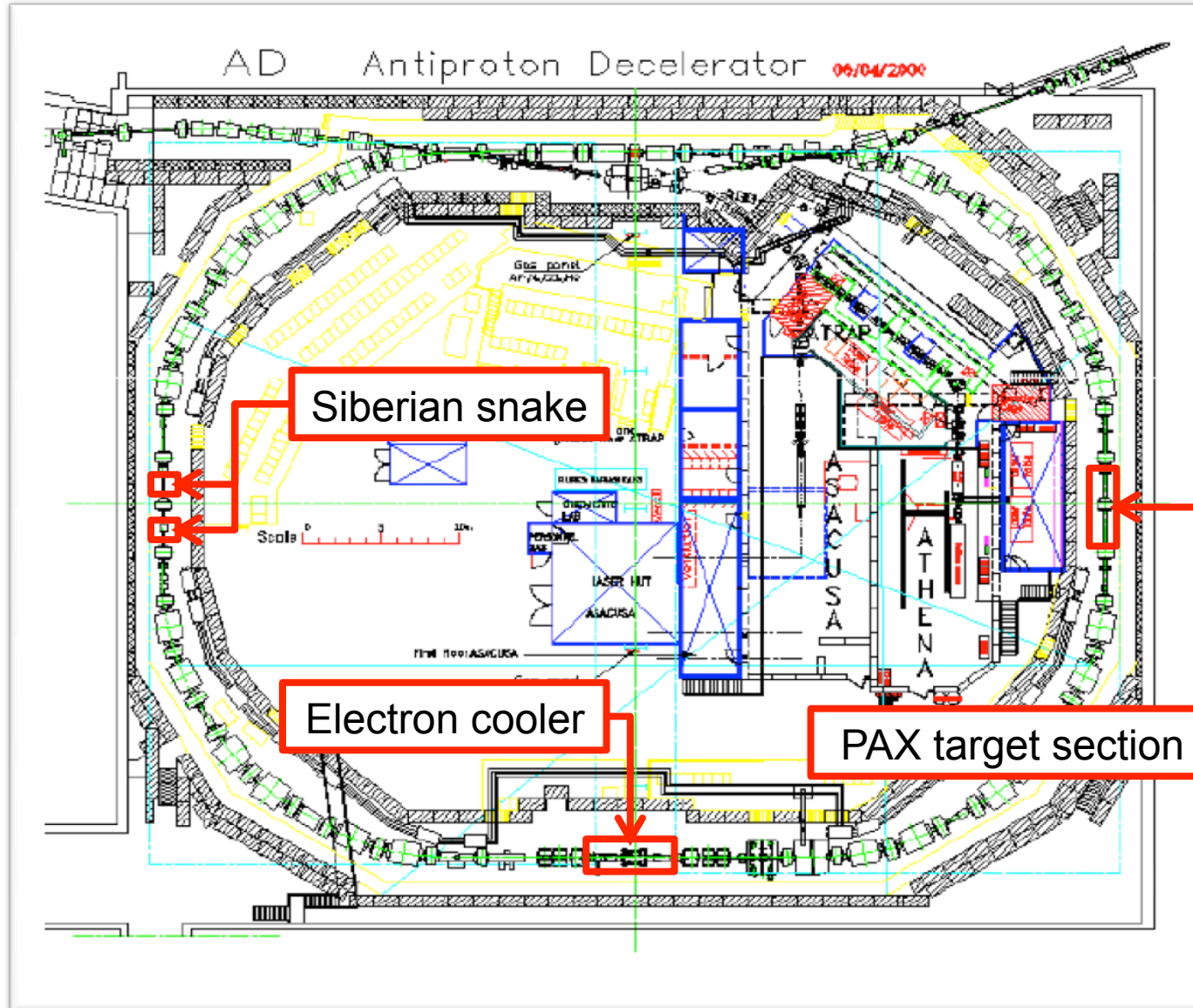
# Spin-filtering at TSR: „FILTEX“ – proof-of-principle



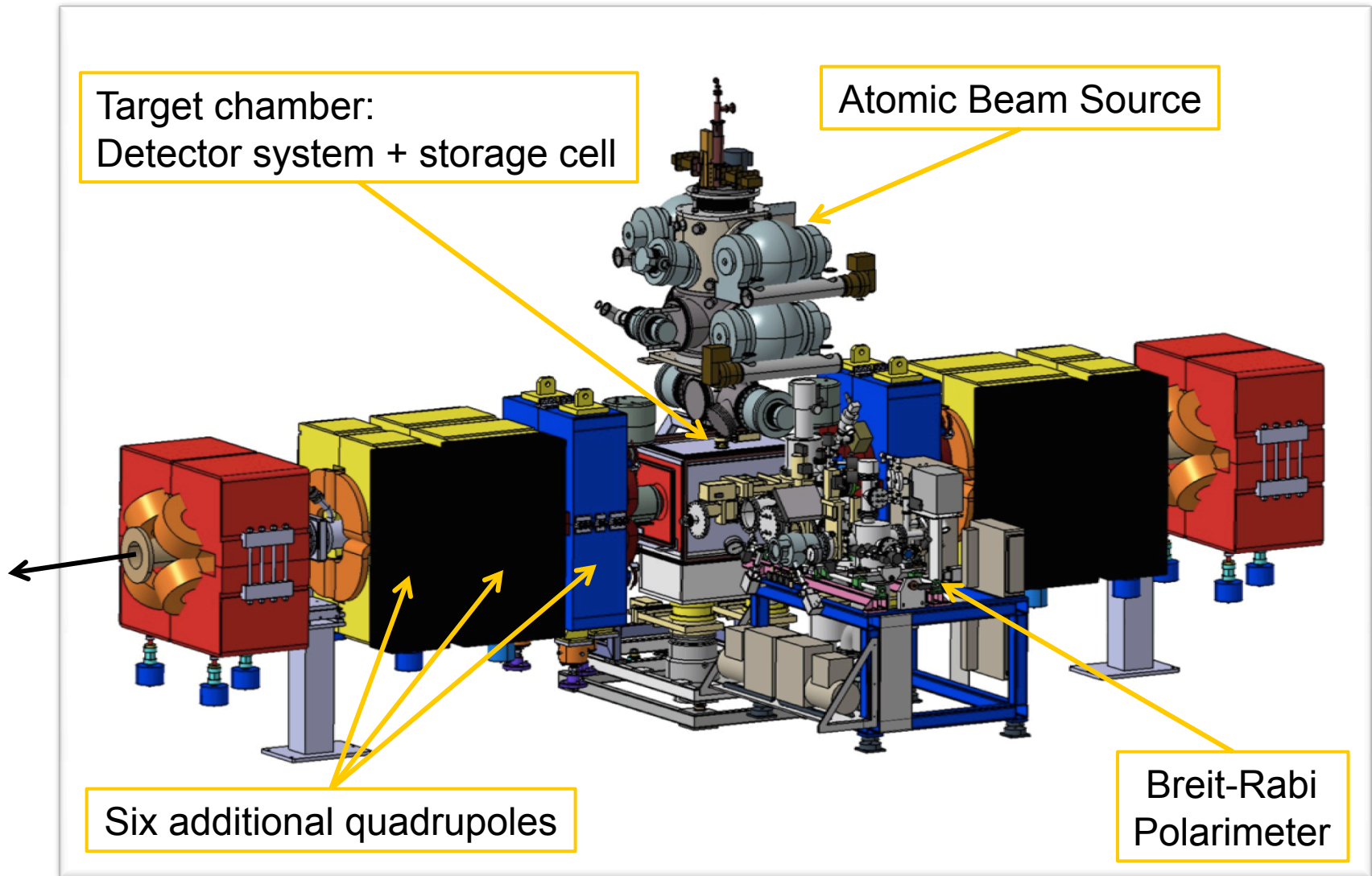
Spin filtering works  
for protons

PAX submitted new proposal to find out **how well does spin filtering work for antiprotons:**  
**Measurement of the Spin-Dependence of the  $\bar{p}p$  Interaction at the AD Ring**  
 (CERN-SPSC-2009-012 / SPSC-P-337)

# PAX at the AD (the only place worldwide)

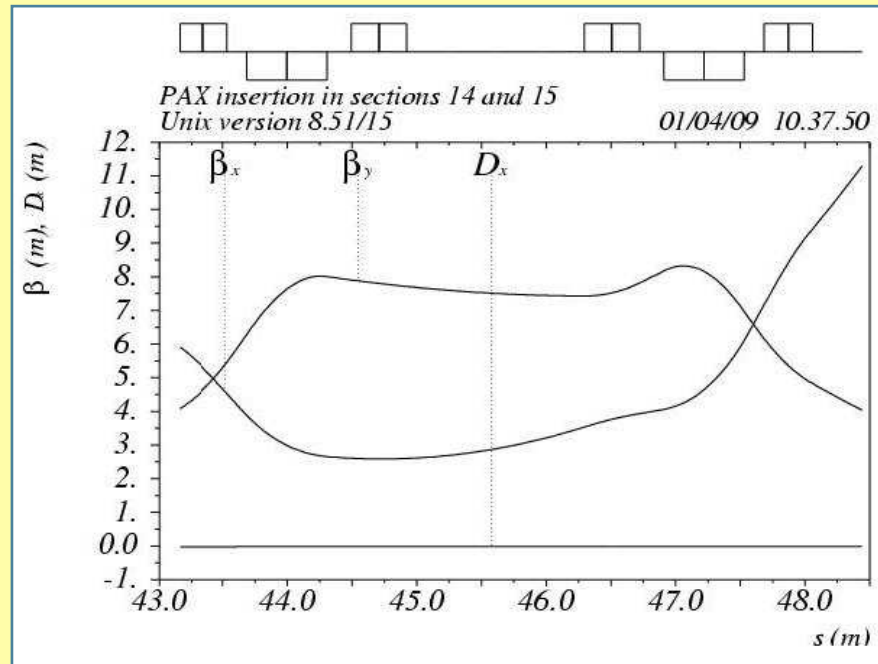


# Experimental Setup

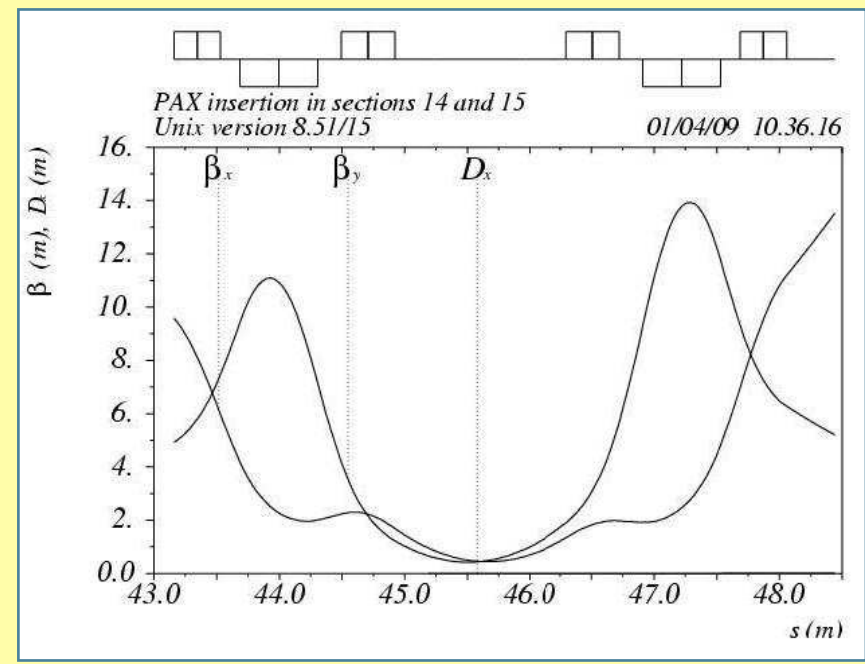


# AD optics for spin-filtering studies

## At injection (3.5 GeV)

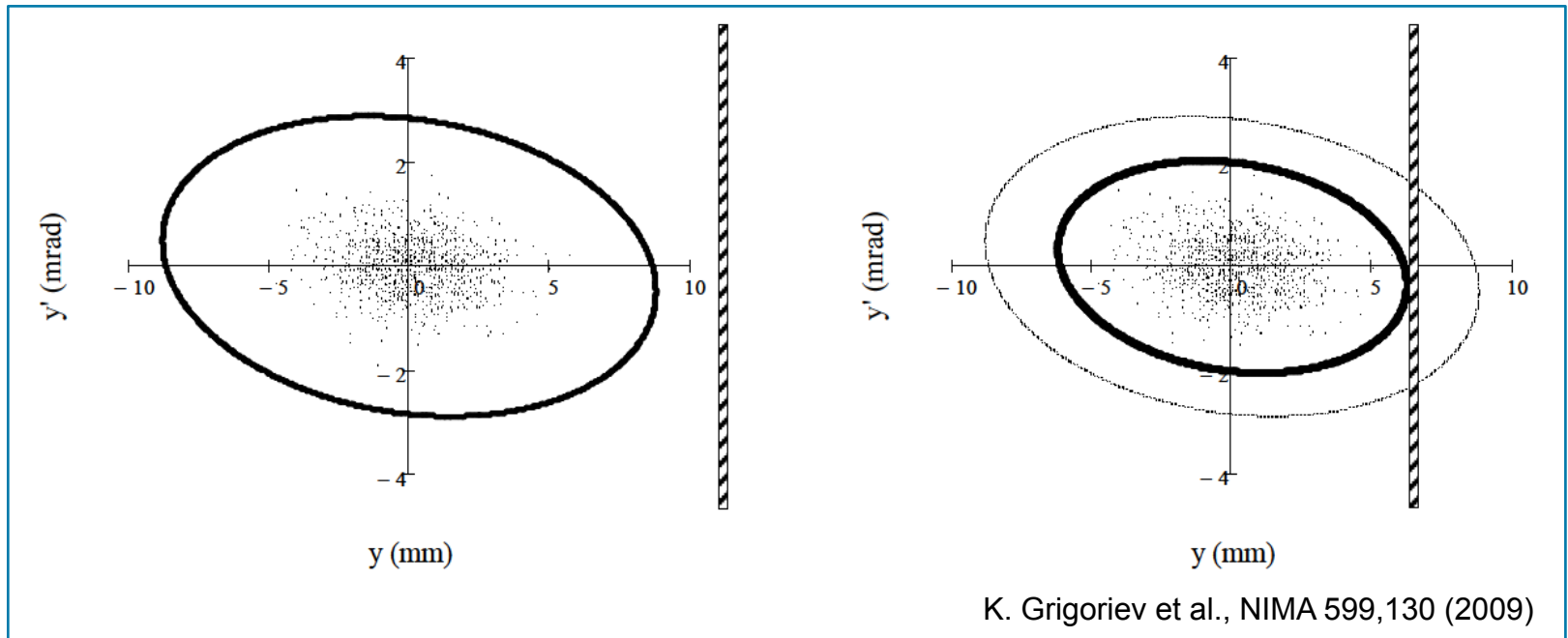
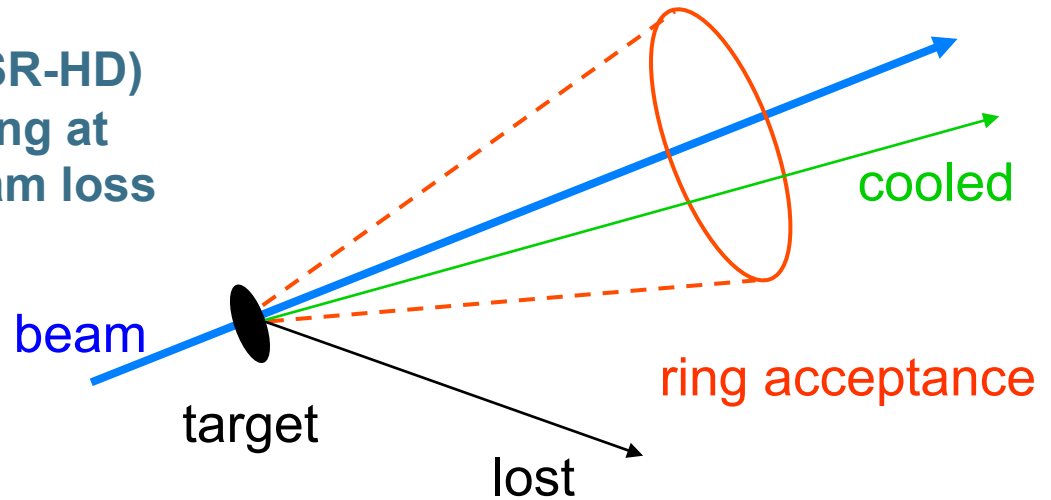


## Squeezed $\beta$ -functions (at experiment energies 50 – 500 MeV)



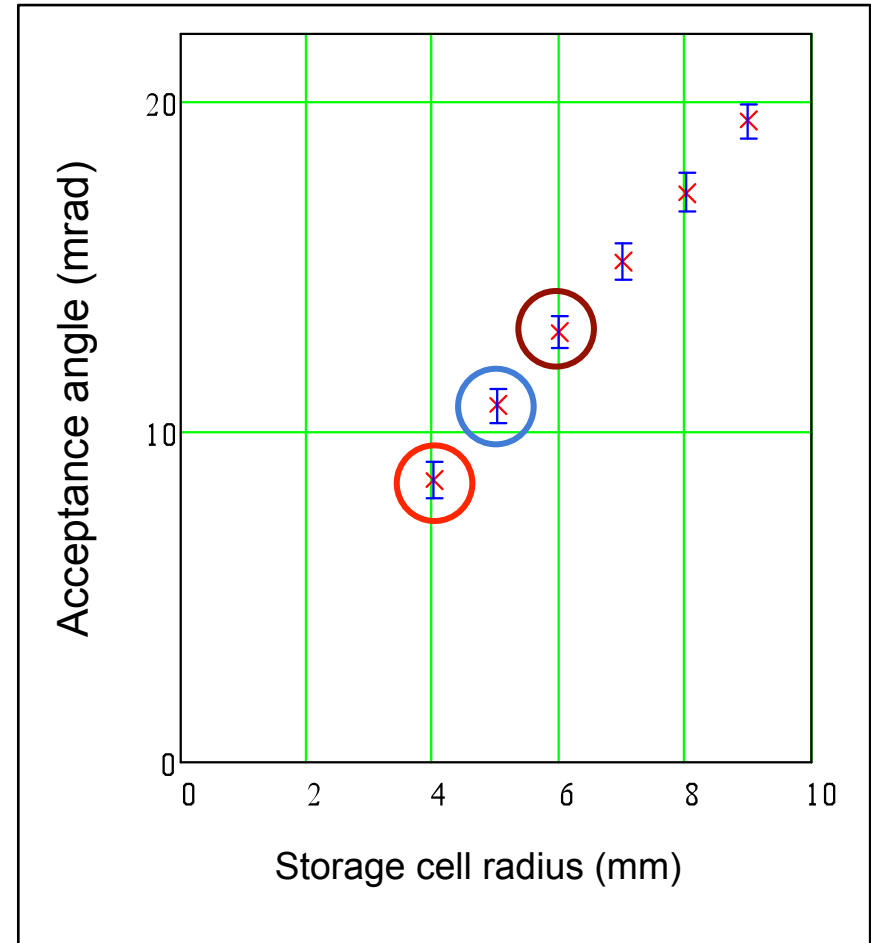
# Machine acceptance

In an ideal machine (like TSR-HD)  
 → Single-Coulomb scattering at the target dominates beam loss



# Expected antiproton beam polarization (in an ideal machine)

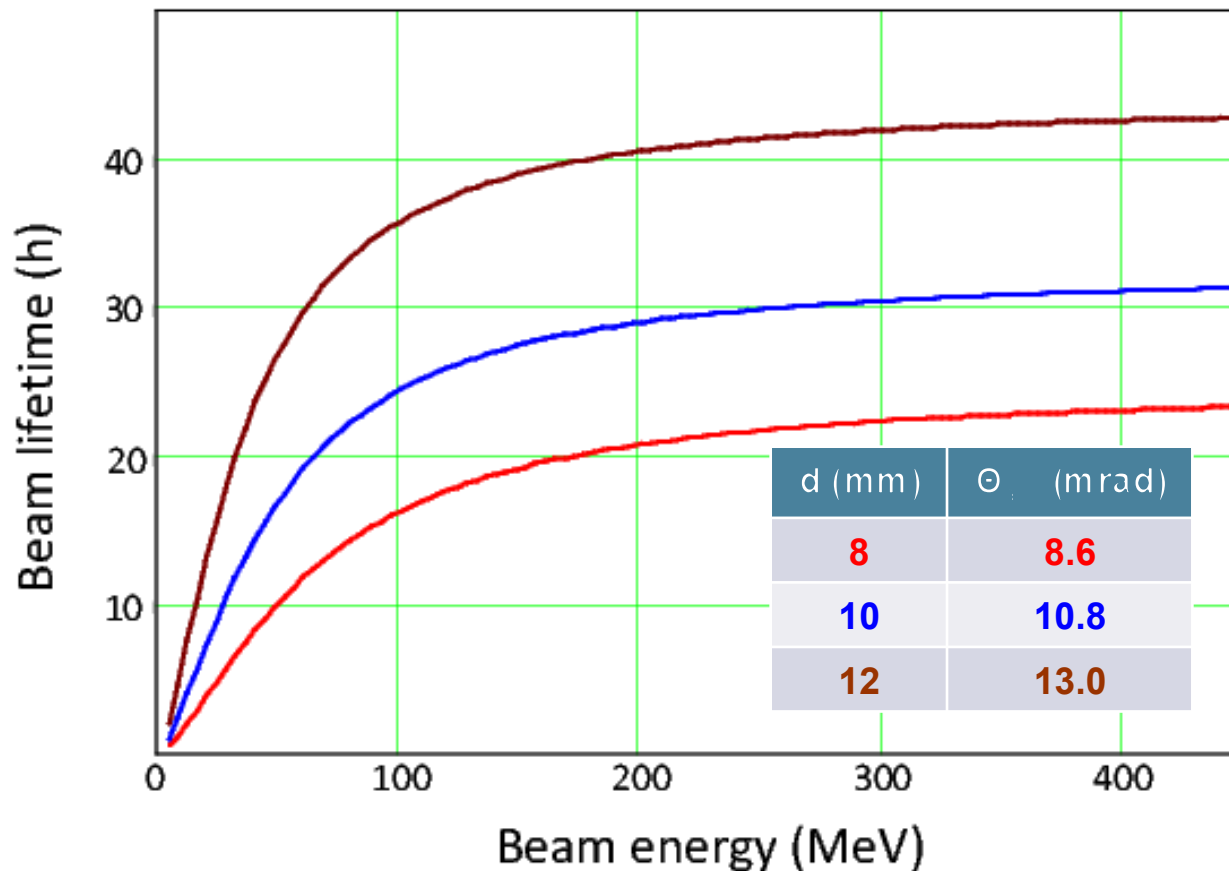
- AD machine acceptance:
  - $A_x = 180 \mu\text{m}$
  - $A_y = 200 \mu\text{m}$
- Cooled  $2\sigma$  beam emittance =  $1 \mu\text{m}$
- Realistic calculation of  $\theta_{\text{acc}}$  (mrad) using
  - AD lattice functions
  - triangular density distribution in cell
- **Model A:** T. Hippchen et al., Phys. Rev. C 44, 1323 (1991)
- **Model D:** V. Mull, K. Holinde, Phys. Rev. C 51, 2360 (1995)





# Beam lifetime

Ideal ring → Single-Coulomb scattering at the target dominates beam loss

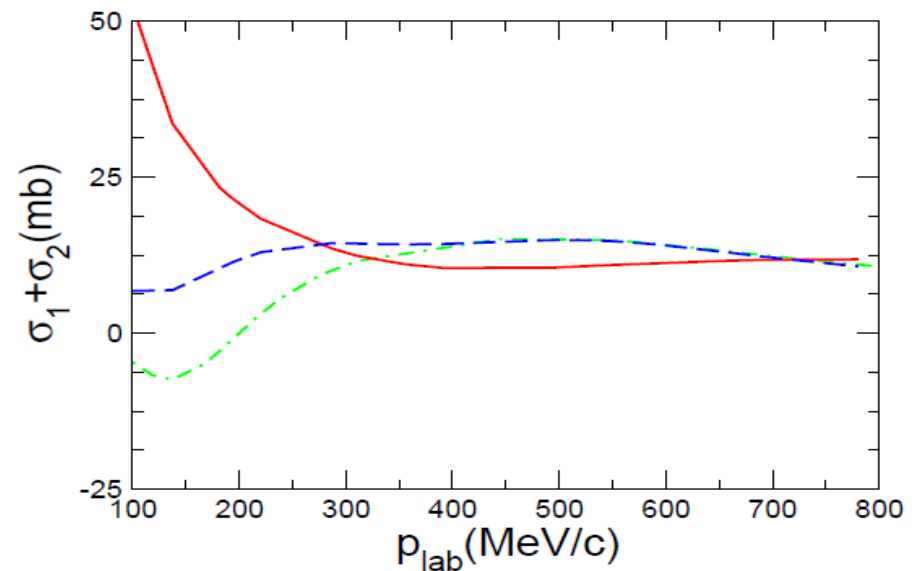
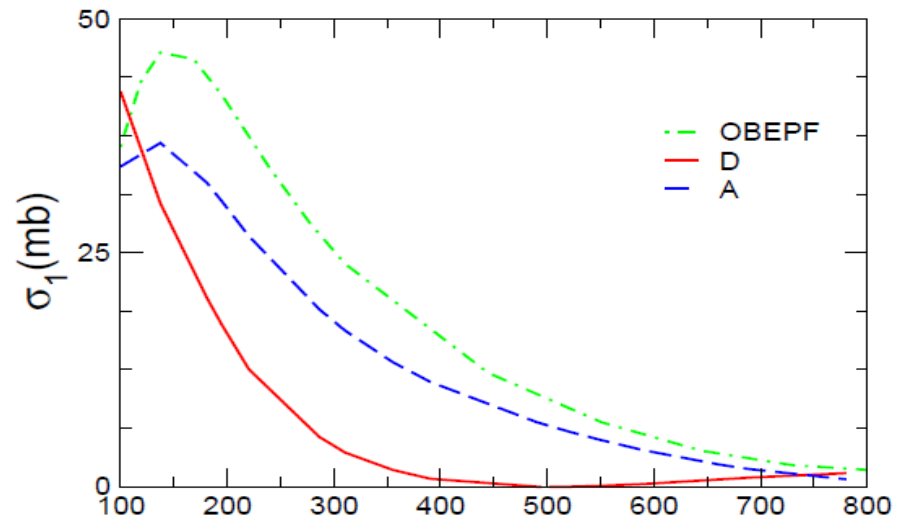


# Predictions for the spin-dependent cross sections

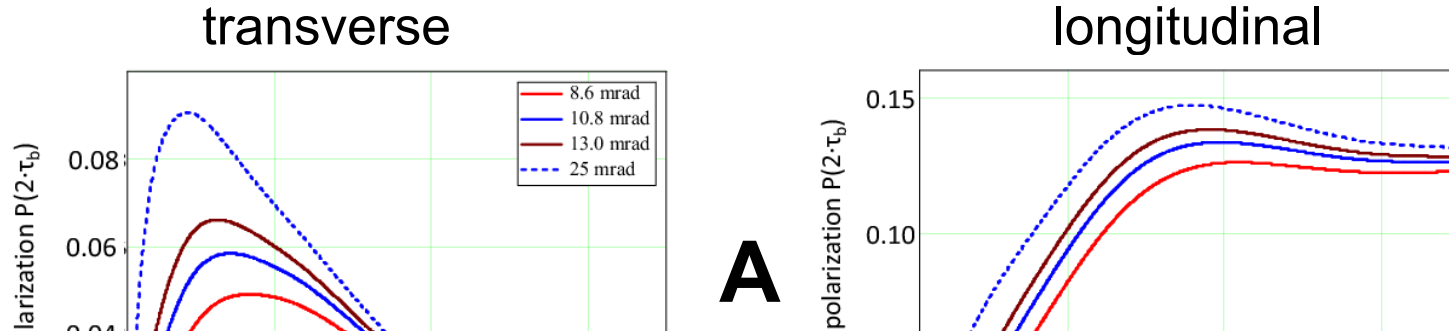
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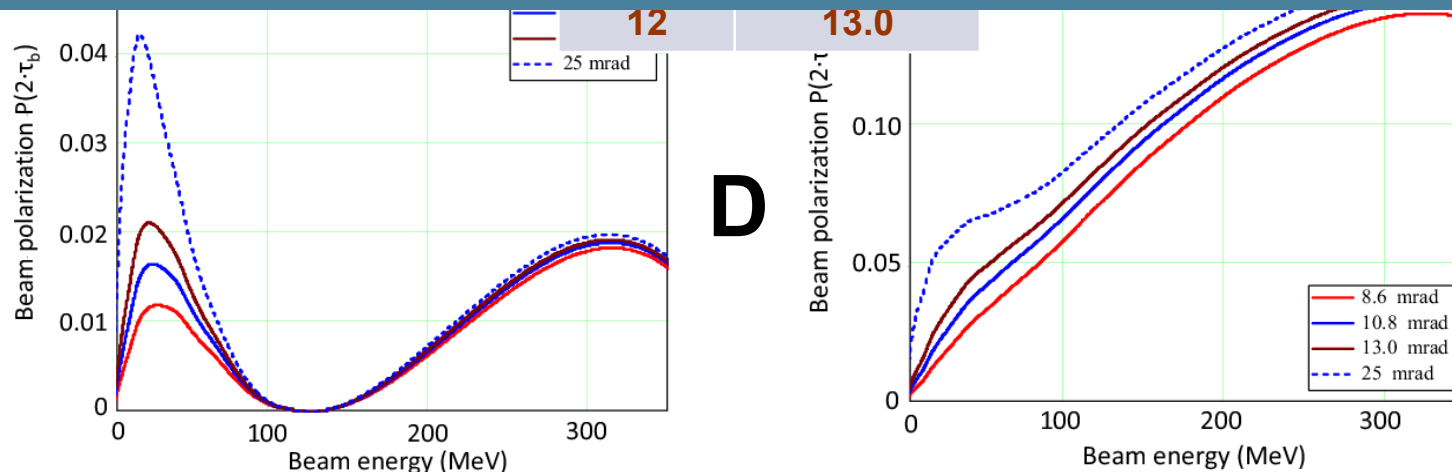


# Expected polarizations after filtering for two lifetimes



**A**

- Measurement of the buildup equivalent to the determination of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$
- Once a polarized antiproton beam is available, differential double-spin observables can be measured (50-500 MeV)  $\rightarrow$   $\bar{p}p$  potential.
- Protonium gave already first information about  $\bar{p}p$  potential at rest.



**D**

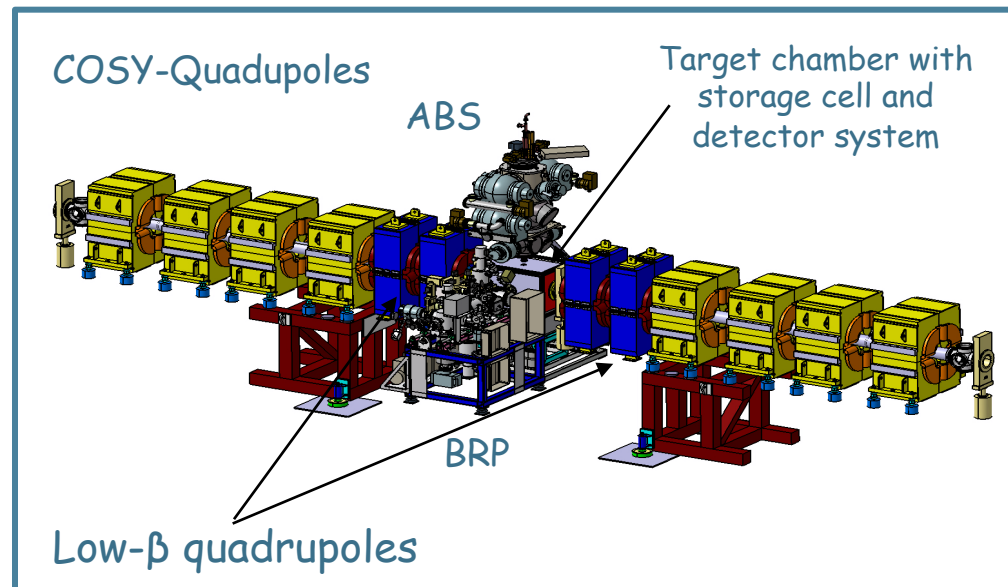
# Spin-filtering studies at COSY

## Main purpose:

1. Commissioning of the experimental setup for AD
2. Quantitative understanding of the machine parameters

## Phases of COSY installation:

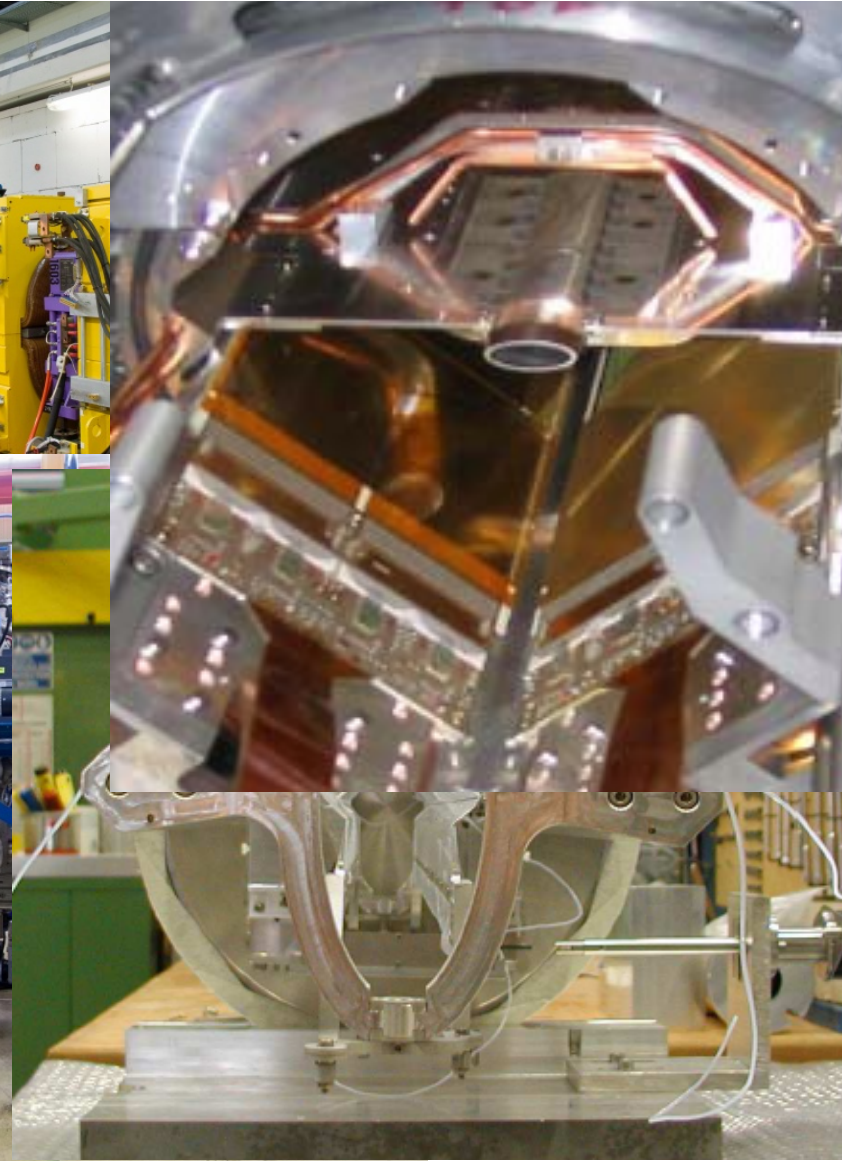
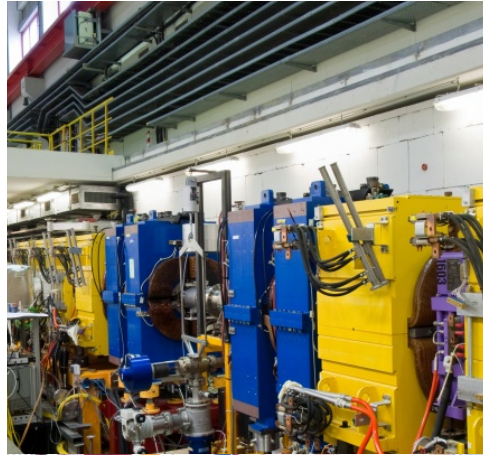
1. July 2009: Installation of quadrupole magnets (✓)
2. July 2010: Installation of rest of equipment
3. After July 2010: Spin-filtering studies with protons



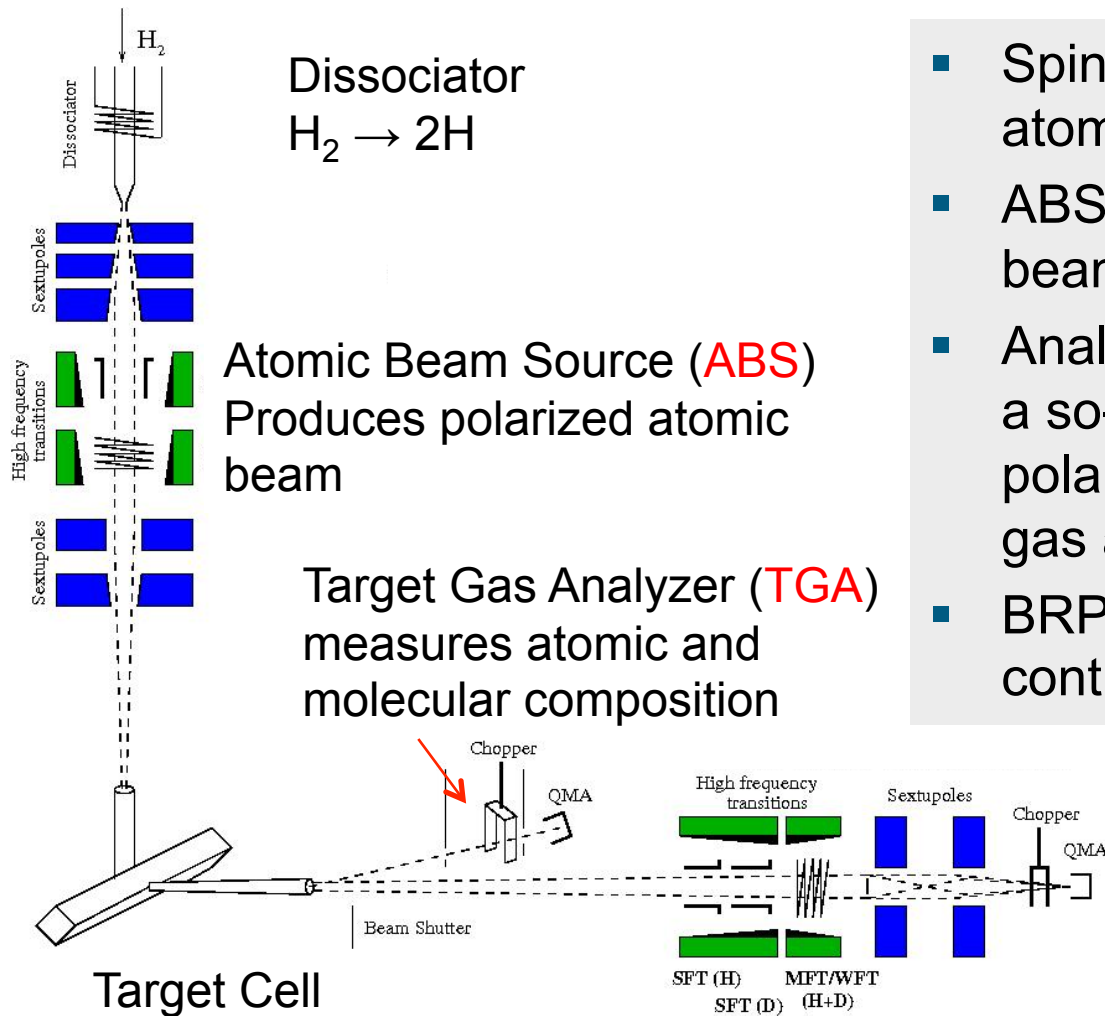
# Spin-filtering studies at COSY

## Experimental setup:

- low- $\beta$  section
- Atomic Beam Source
- Breit-Rabi polarimeter
- Openable storage cell
- Si tracking telescopes



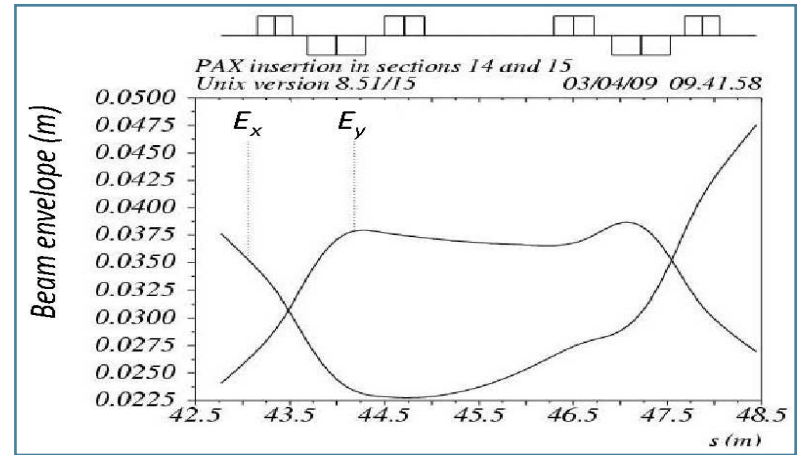
# Setup of the Polarized Target



- Spin filtering requires  $>10^{13}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> → storage cell
- ABS produces polarized atomic beam
- Analysis of target polarization by a so-called Breit-Rabi polarimeter (BRP) and a target gas analyzer (TGA)
- BRP measures polarization for control and analysis

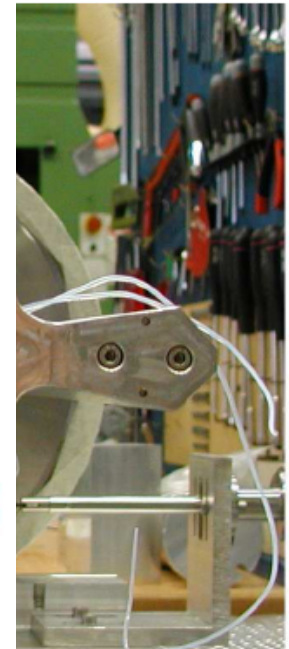
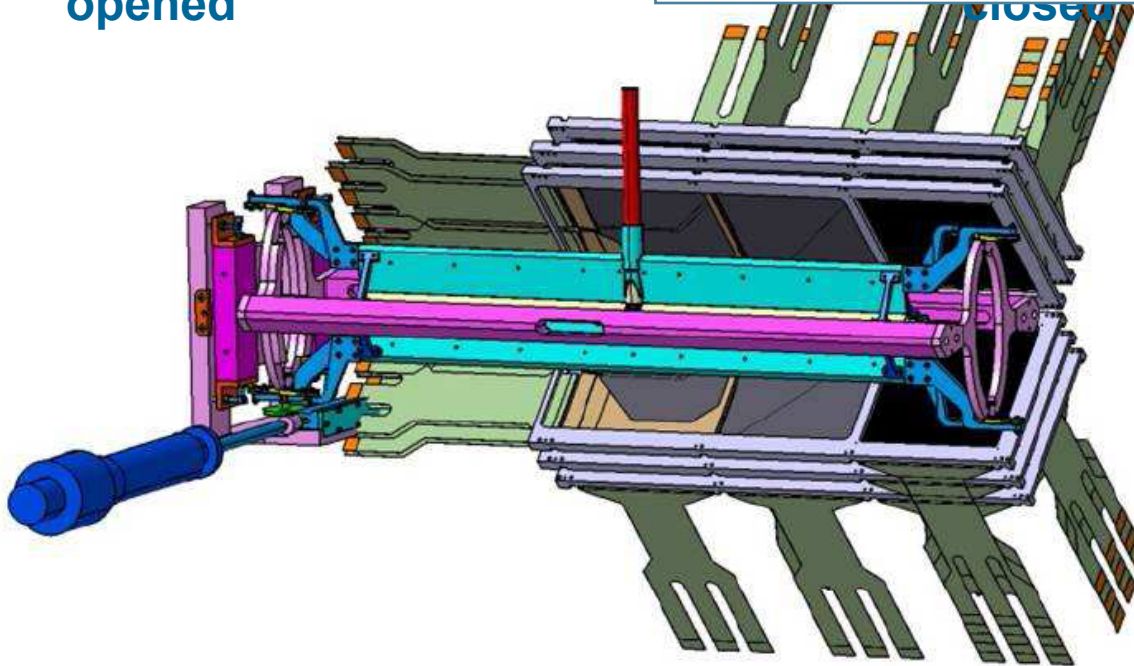
# Openable storage cell

AD beam envelope at injection requires openable storage cell: (developed by Ferrara group)

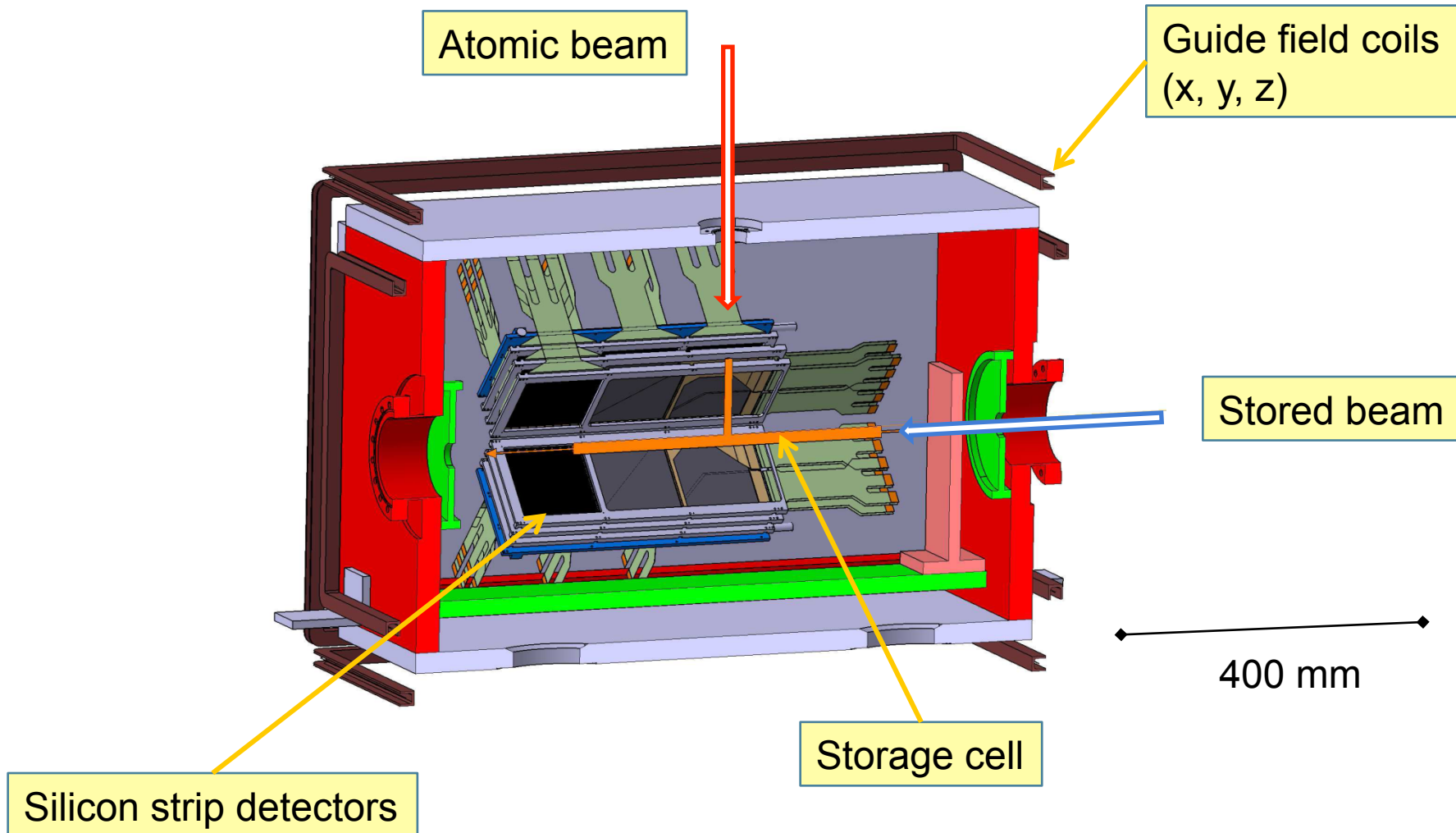


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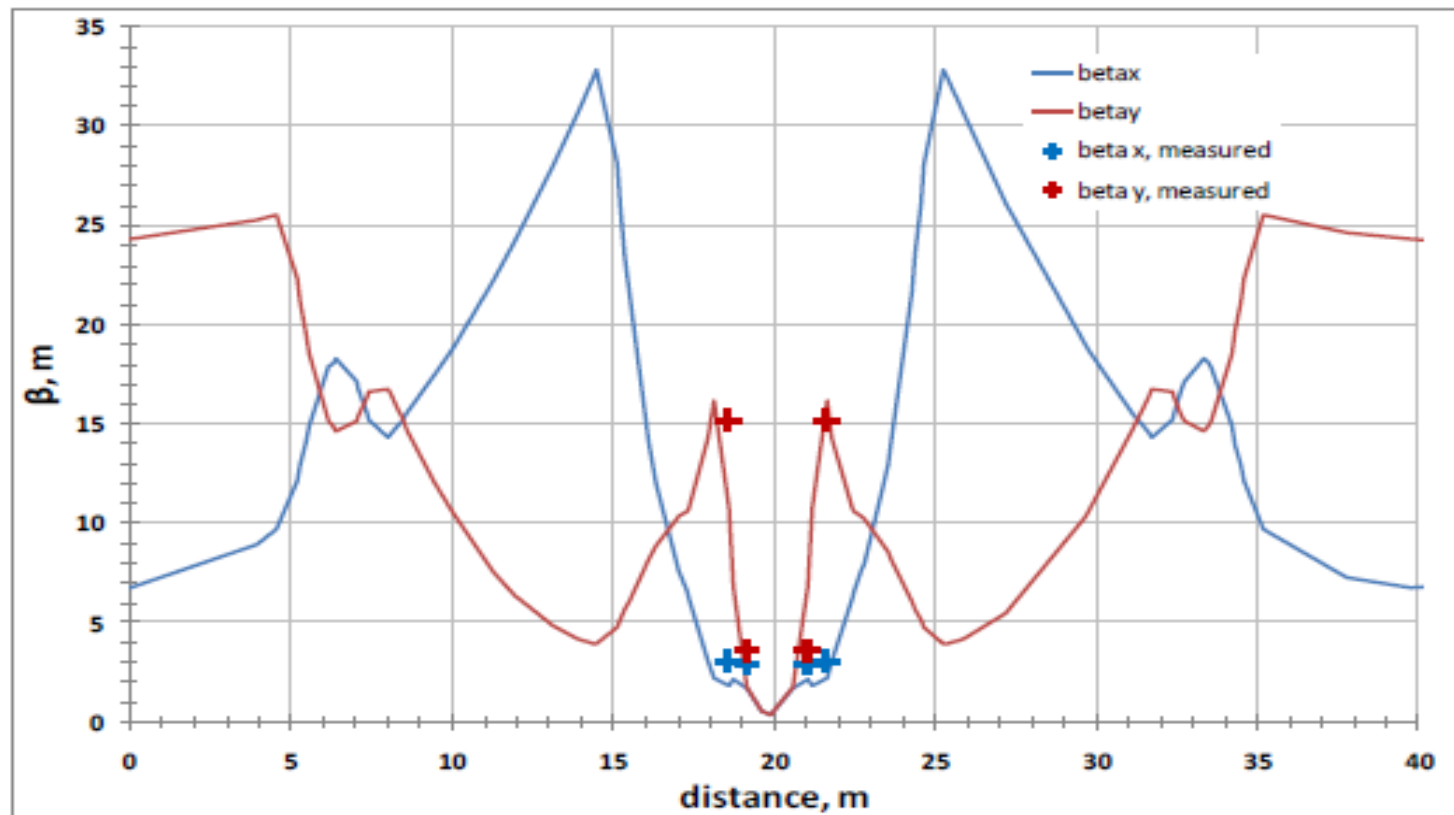
# Target chamber, cell and detector system





**2009** Installation of quadrupoles with additional steerers  
Fast shutters, NEG tubes, BPMs

**2010** COSY quadrupole commissioning (✓)  
~ 0.3 m beta functions at target place (✓)  
no adverse impact on beam lifetime (4500s - 8000s) (still too short)



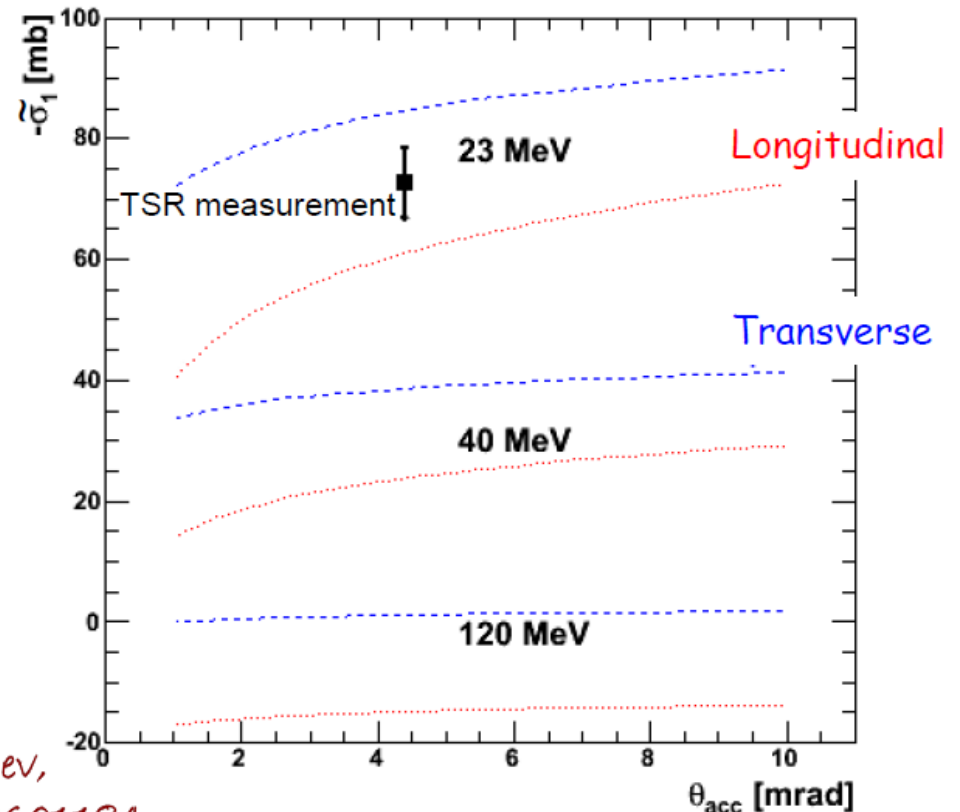
# Polarisation buildup cross sections

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_0 + \sigma_1 \cdot \vec{P} \cdot \vec{Q} + \sigma_2 \cdot (\vec{P} \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{k})$$

$P$  beam polarisation  
 $Q$  target polarisation  
 $k \parallel$  beam direction

$$\sigma_1 = 2\pi \int_0^{\vartheta_{\text{max}}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (A_{xx} + A_{yy}) d\vartheta$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 = 2\pi \int_{\vartheta_{\text{acc}}}^{\vartheta_{\text{max}}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (A_{xx} + A_{yy}) d\vartheta$$



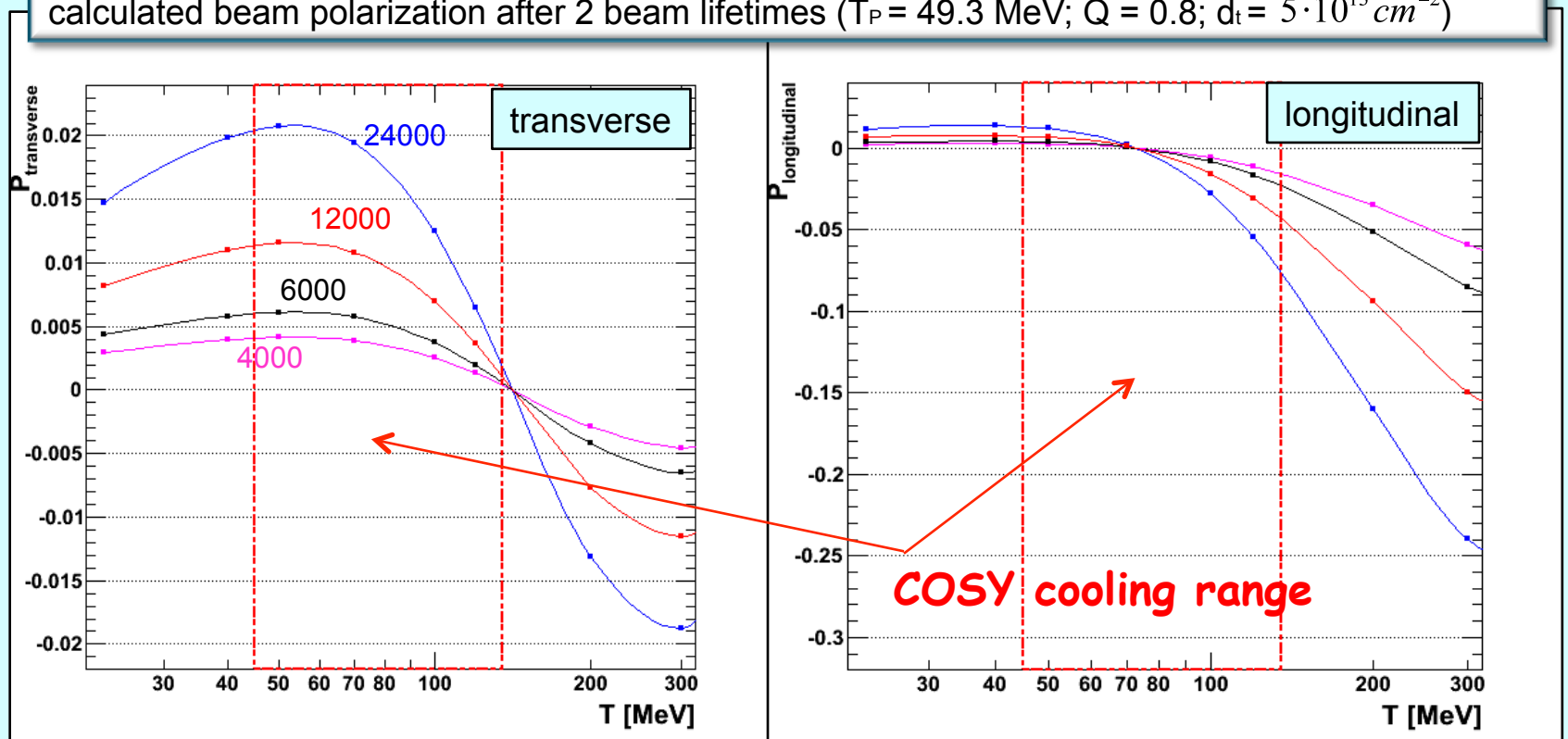
*N. Nikolaev,  
 arXiv:hep-ph/0601184*

# Polarizations expected at COSY

Still not fully understood beam lifetimes in COSY:

- this was much simpler at TSR
- Test of the contribution from Touschek-effect

calculated beam polarization after 2 beam lifetimes ( $T_P = 49.3$  MeV;  $Q = 0.8$ ;  $d_t = 5 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ )



# Conclusion or **Where are we now?**

- **Clear task**
  - *Only nucleon-nucleon scattering contributes to polarization buildup*
- **Technically feasible**
  - *equipment being prepared for experimental setups at COSY and AD*
  - *need to convince CERN-SPS committee*
- **Expertise and commitment** by PAX-collaboration
- **High discovery potential**

**Now and here or never!**

$\sigma_2$  : AD longitudinal spin-filtering requires Siberian snake

→ **needs funding**

$\sigma_1$  : AD transverse spin-filtering at  $T > 70$  MeV requires cooler upgrade

→ **needs funding**

# Polarized Antiprotons receive ERC Grant



- 1584 ERC AdvG Proposals submitted
- 236 selected (15% success rate)
    - Life Science (89)
    - Social Sciences & Humanities (42)
    - Physical science & Engineering (105)
      - PE2-Fundamental constituents of Matter (11)

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## Georg Christoph Lichtenberg (1742-1799)



**Es ist unmöglich mit der Fackel der Wahrheit durch eine Menge zu gehen,  
ohne jemandem dabei den Bart zu versengen.**

**It is impossible to walk with the torch of truth through a crowd,  
without burning someone's beard.**