

Development and Test of a 5 MeV Mott Polarimeter for Precision Measurement of Polarization for P2

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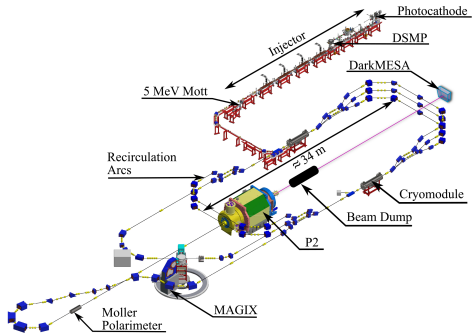
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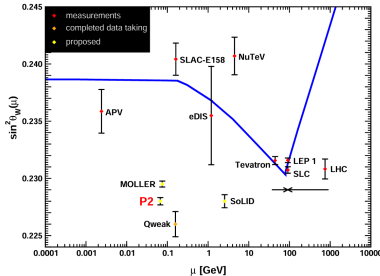
Overview of MESA

Mainz Energy-recovering Superconducting Accelerator (MESA)

- ▶ CW electron accelerator
- ▶ Operation frequency
1.3 GHz
- ▶ Planned to operate in two modes:
- ▶ Extraction Beam mode(EB)
Polarized beam
155 MeV, 150 μ A
P2/DarkMESA
- ▶ Energy Recovery Linac
mode (ERL)
Unpolarized beam
105 MeV, Stage I: 1 mA
Stage II: 10 mA
MAGIX
- ▶ Polarimetry chain for spin
diagnostics



Motivation



D. Becker et al., 2018

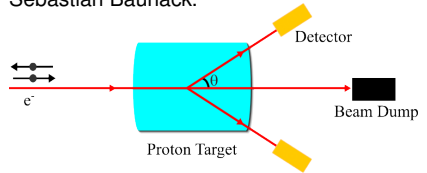
A^{PV} : Parity-violating Asymmetry

$d\sigma$: Differential cross-section for the elastic scattering of electrons with \pm helicity off unpolarized protons

$\sin^2\theta_w$: Weak-mixing Angle

P : Polarization of electrons

For more details on P2, please check out the talk "Experiments at MAMI/MESA by Sebastian Baunack."



$$A^{PV} \equiv \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} \propto P(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_w)$$

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Mott Polarimetry

Mott cross section

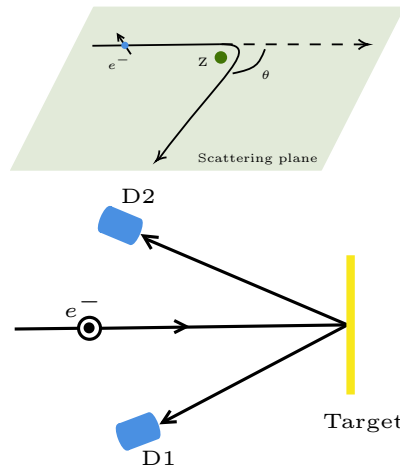
$$\sigma(\theta, \phi) = I(\theta)[1 + S(\theta)\vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}]$$

$S(\theta)$ = Sherman function/analyzing power

$I(\theta)$ = unpolarized cross-section

\hat{n} = unit vector perpendicular to the scattering plane

- ▶ Asymmetric elastic scattering of spin polarized electrons in coulomb field
- ▶ Experimental situation: A = P.S, A = Asymmetry, P = degree of beam polarization, S = Sherman function

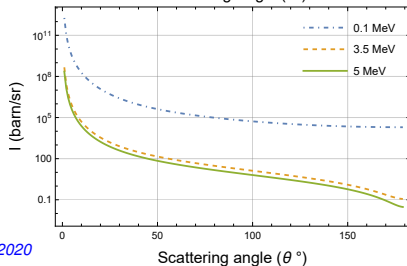
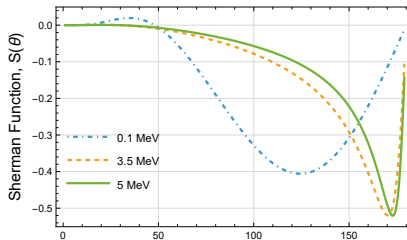


Mott Polarimetry

- ▶ keV Mott polarimeters for source optimisation
- ▶ Two MeV Mott polarimeters operational at MAMI(3.5 MeV) and JLAB(5 MeV)
- ▶ MeV Mott polarimeters for precision polarization measurements

MeV energy Mott benefits

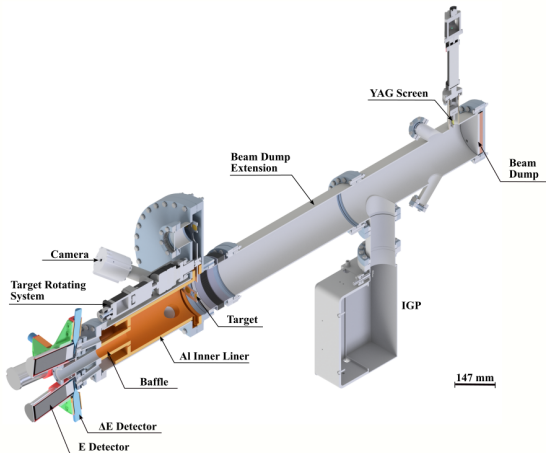
- ▶ Larger analysing power
- ▶ Smaller cross section
- ▶ Free standing target



Contribution to the total uncertainty	Value
Theoretical Sherman function	0.50%
Target thickness extrapolation	0.25%
Systematic uncertainties	0.24%
Energy cut (0.10%)	
Laser polarization (0.10%)	
Scattering angle and beam energy (0.20%)	
Total	0.61%

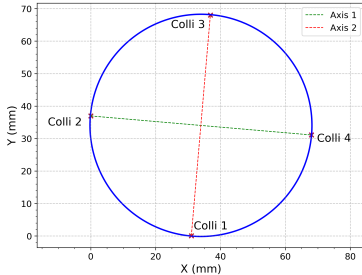
Uncertainty budget of JLab 5 MeV polarimeter. *J. Grames et al., 2020*

Design and Assembly of 5 MeV Mott polarimeter- Design

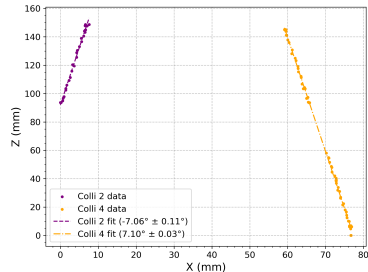
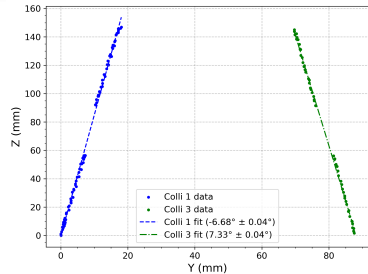


- ▶ Aluminium liner to reduce backscattering
- ▶ Baffle for solid angle collimation
- ▶ View screens for beam alignment
- ▶ Precise control of target ($< 100 \mu\text{m}$)
- ▶ Aluminium window to seal the vacuum
- ▶ Can hold 20 targets

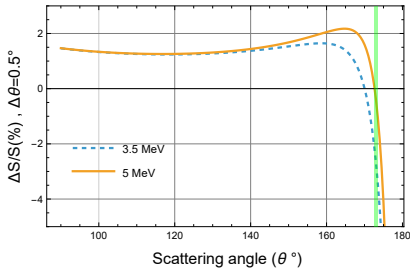
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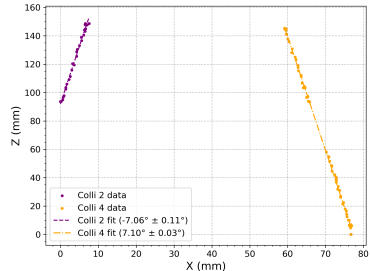
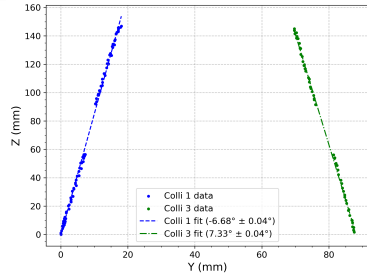
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- ▶ Deviation on ideal backscattering angle $< \pm 0.5^\circ$



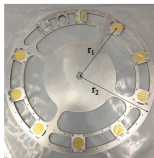
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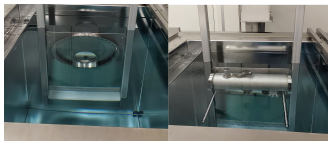
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- ▶ Angular sensitivity to Sherman Function $\leq 1\%$



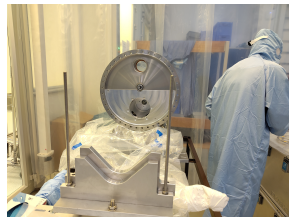
Design and Assembly of 5 MeV Mott polarimeter- Assembly



Rotating target holder. r_1 :124.1 mm, r_2 :145 mm



Rinsing of Mott parts after ultrasonic bath.

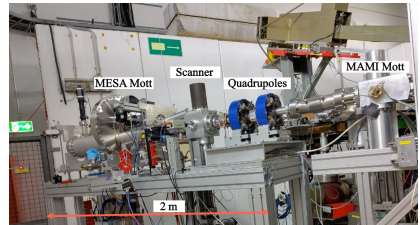


Assembly of Mott polarimeter under flowbox.

- ▶ Stainless steel parts cleaned in the ultrasonic bath in ISO 6 clean room
- ▶ Due to restrictions, aluminium parts cleaned in ultrasonic bath under ambient conditions
- ▶ Aluminium parts wiped with isopropanol before everything was assembled under flowbox

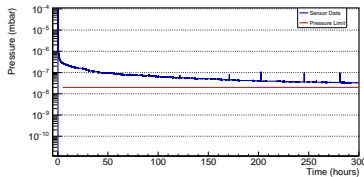
Design and Assembly of 5 MeV Mott polarimeter- Setup

- ▶ MESA 5 MeV Mott assembly was transported and further assembled behind the MAMI 3.5 MeV Mott
- ▶ This gave us possibility to check polarization prehand.
- ▶ Setup was made compact due to space issues.

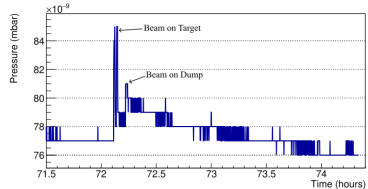


5 MeV Mott test setup at MAMI.

Vacuum

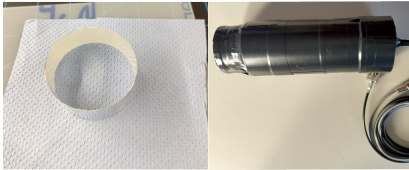


- ▶ Pumping speed of Ion Getter Pump (IGP) 150 L s^{-1}
- ▶ Leak rate: $< 1.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mbar L s}^{-1}$
- ▶ Pressure Bouncing due to outgassing
- ▶ Pressure limit reached about $2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mbar}$

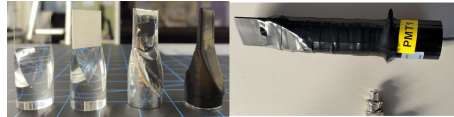


- ▶ 100 nA electron beam on $2 \mu\text{m}$ target showed pressure rise of about 9 % compared to about 4 % on beam dump
- ▶ Scattering a beam into a larger surface area creates a larger beam-induced desorption of gas molecules

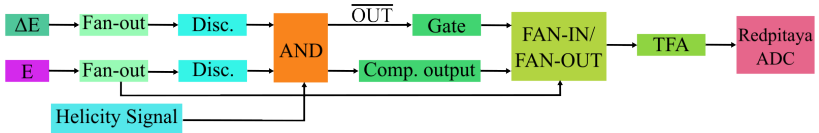
Detectors



► Scintillator size: 30 mmx46 mm

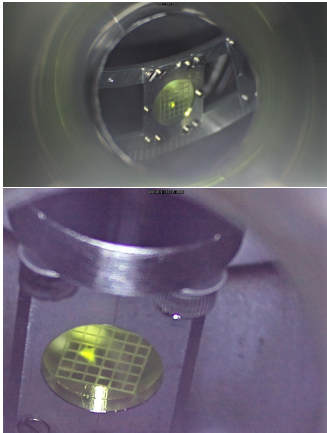


► Scintillator size: 1 mmx25 mmx25 mm

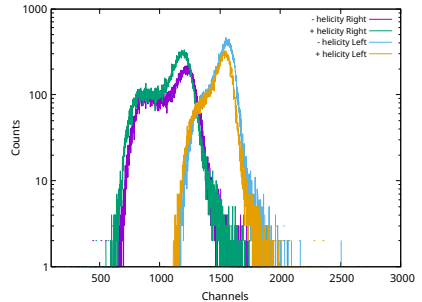


Gated energy spectrum for Mott events.

Mott Beam Run

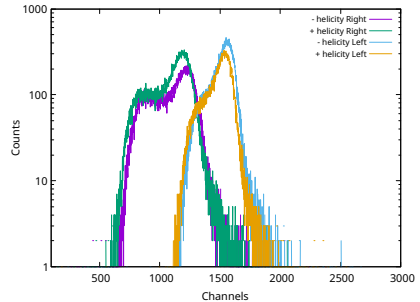
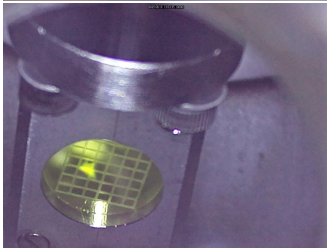


Beam aligned on YAG screens at target and near beam dump locations



- Asymmetry observed for $2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ gold target and $1\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ beam current

Mott Beam Run



- ▶ Asymmetry observed for 2 μm gold target and 1 μA beam current
- ▶ At 14 μA beam current, both OTR and beam-induced stress observed on 2 μm target

Outlook and Summary

- ▶ Design of the state-of-the-art 5 MeV Mott polarimeter completed
- ▶ Test setup with necessary electronics built and installed at MAMI
- ▶ Preliminary Mott measurements show asymmetry dilution due to backscattering
- ▶ Geant4 simulations needed to further understand the system
- ▶ Comprehensive study planned after installation at MESA with extended beam dump

Thank you!