

# High Energy Polarized Proton Accelerators in the USA

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In Memory  
**Ernest D. Courant**  
1920 - 2020

- 1948 Courant joined the BNL team that was building the Cosmotron
- He co-invented and developed the strong focusing principle, the basis of most modern accelerators including RHIC
- “Little did I know when I joined Brookhaven back in 1948 that accelerator physics would be my whole career,” Courant said at the 2010 RHIC/AGS Users’ Meeting.
- Courant also coined the name “Siberian snake” and first proposed the use of helical dipoles for Siberian snakes
- Long-term member of the International Spin Physics Committee



In Memory  
**Satoshi Ozaki**  
1929 - 2017

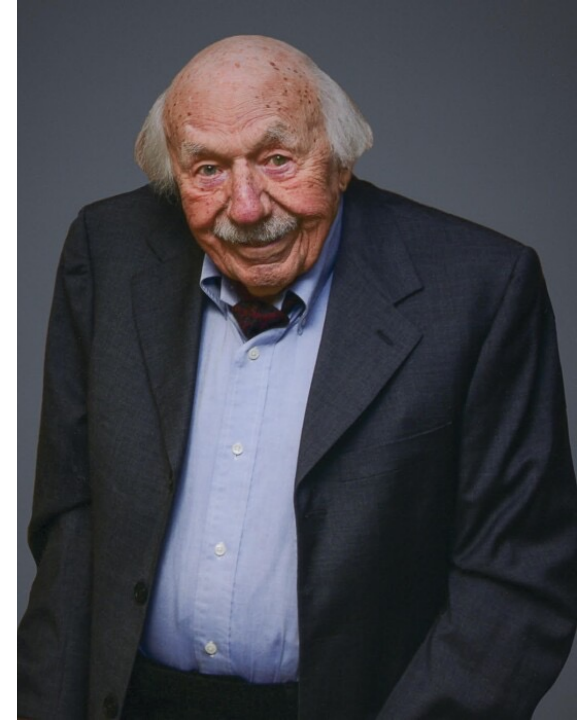
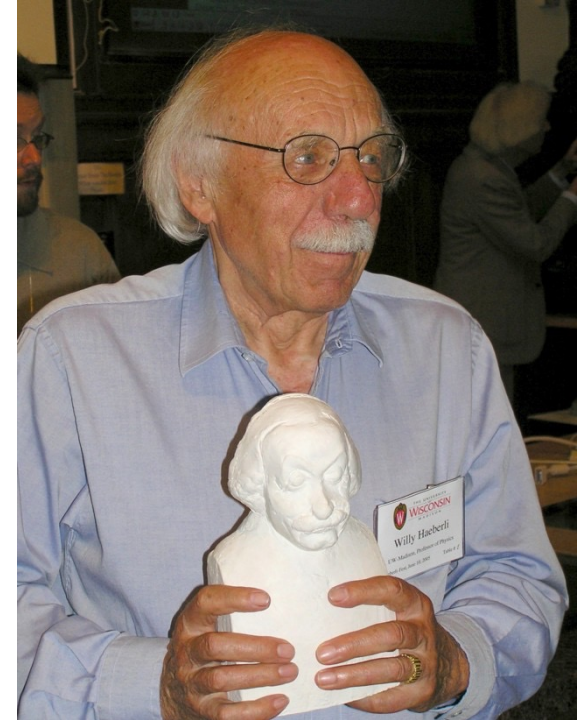
- Master's degree from Osaka University and Ph.D. from MIT
- Developed first multi-purpose detector, the AGS Multi-Particle Spectrometer, at BNL
- Project leader and Director of the 30 GeV electron-positron collider TRISTAN in Japan, the world's highest energy e+e- collider at the time
- He returned to BNL in 1989 to lead the successful RHIC construction project
- Central to the establishment of RIKEN BNL Research Center
- Strong supporter of the RHIC Spin Collaboration and polarized protons in RHIC
- 2013: Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon for the promotion of Japan-US cooperation in physics





In Memory  
**Willy Haeberli**  
1925 - 2021

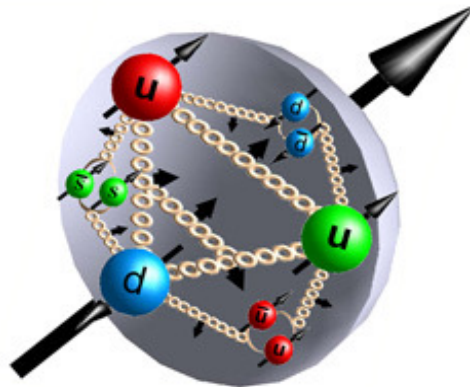
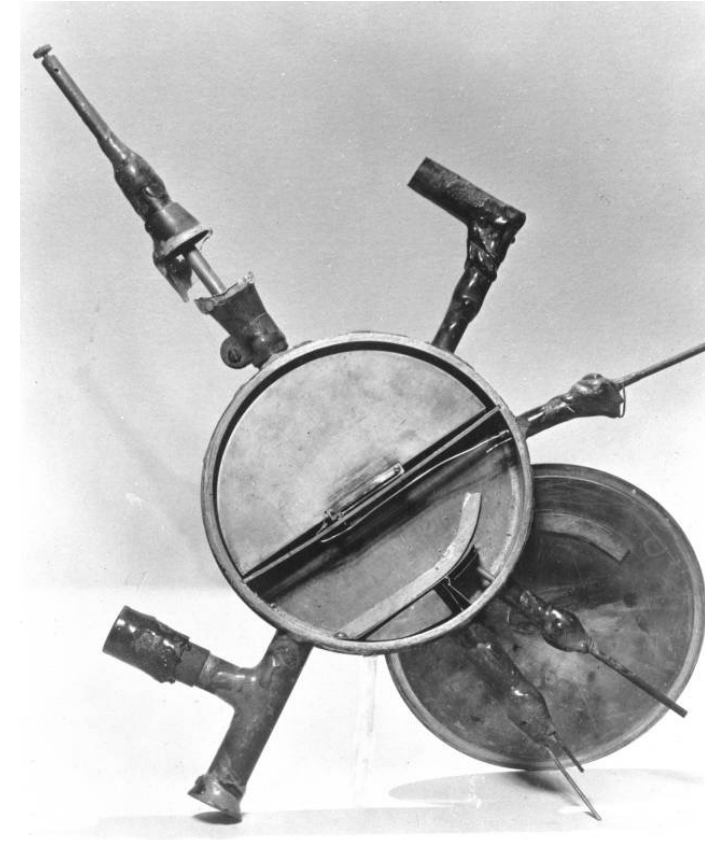
- Ph.D. in Physics from University of Basel (at the time a center of nuclear spin physics)
- Professor of Physics at University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Foundational contributions in spin-polarized beams and targets as a tool to study spin effects in nuclear and particle physics.
- Development of pure, spin-polarized gaseous targets of hydrogen or deuterium for use primarily in high energy storage rings
- RHIC absolute polarimeter using polarized atomic hydrogen
- Long-term member of the International Spin Physics Committee
- Personal note: Willy was a collaborator in my thesis experiment and greatly benefited from his sage advice.





# Acceleration of Polarized Beams

- Progress in accelerator technology is motivated by and has driven advances in particle and nuclear physics
- This started with Ernest Lawrence's first cyclotron (1931) and continues to this day.
- The exploration of spin in nuclei and nucleons required the development of polarized sources and the acceleration of polarized beams
- I will focus on the acceleration of polarized protons from MeVs to 100s of GeV.





# Spin Dynamics in Rings

- Precession Equation in Laboratory Frame: (Thomas [1927], Bargmann, Michel, Telegdi [1959])

$$dS/dt = - (e/\gamma m) [(1+G\gamma)B_{\perp} + (1+G) B_{\parallel}] \times S \quad (G=(g-2)/2 : \text{anomalous gyromagnetic ratio})$$

- Lorentz Force equation:

$$dv/dt = - (e/\gamma m) [ \quad B_{\perp} \quad ] \times v$$

- For pure vertical field: Spin rotates  $G\gamma$  times faster than motion, spin tune  $\nu_{sp} = G\gamma$
- For spin manipulation: At low energy, use longitudinal fields  
At high energy, use transverse fields



# Depolarizing Spin Resonances

- Depolarizing resonance condition:

- Number of spin rotations per turn = Number of spin kicks away from stable direction per turn
- Spin resonance strength  $\varepsilon$  = Number of full spin rotations due to resonance per turn

- Imperfection resonance (magnet errors and misalignments):

$$\nu_{sp} = n$$

- Intrinsic resonance (Vertical focusing fields):

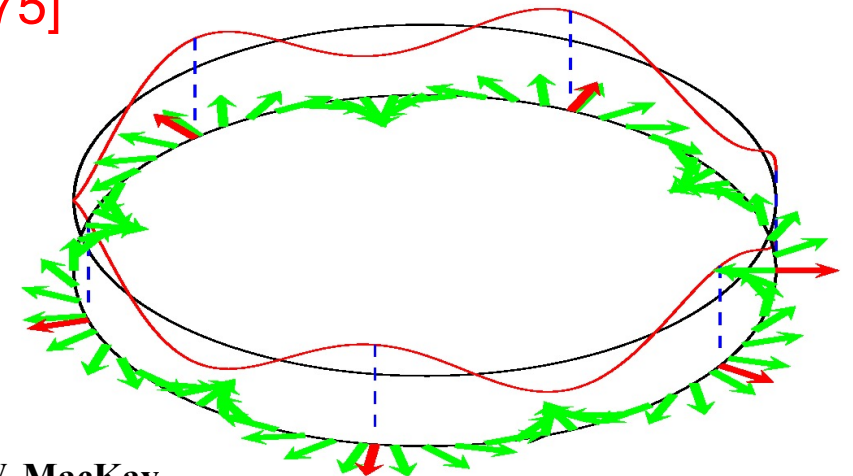
$$\nu_{sp} = Pn \pm \nu_y$$

$P$ : Superperiodicity [AGS: 12]

$\nu_y$ : Betatron tune [AGS: 8.75]

- Weak resonances: some depolarization

- Strong resonances: partial or complete spin flip

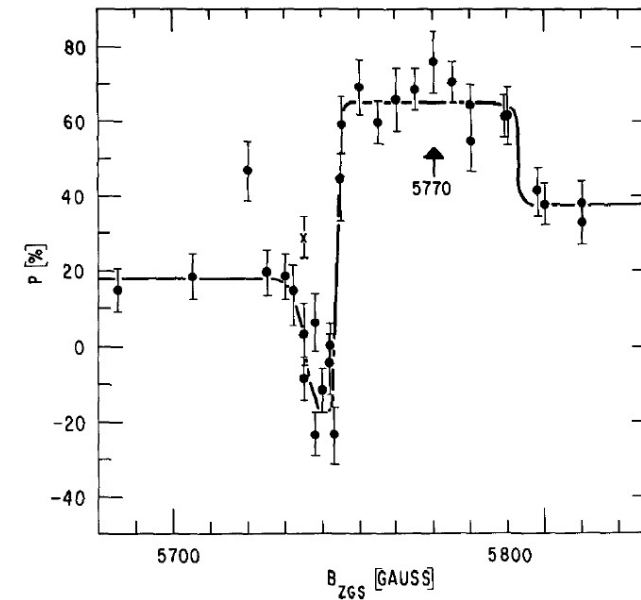
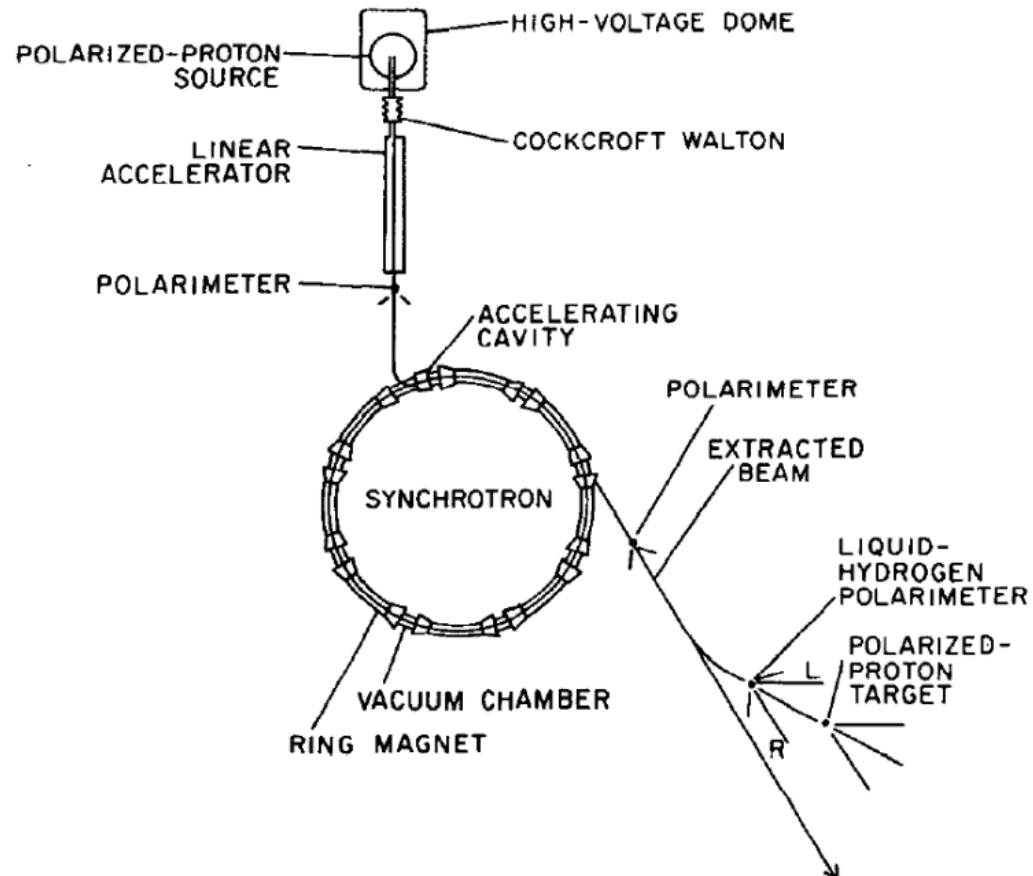




# Polarized Proton Accelerations at the ZGS

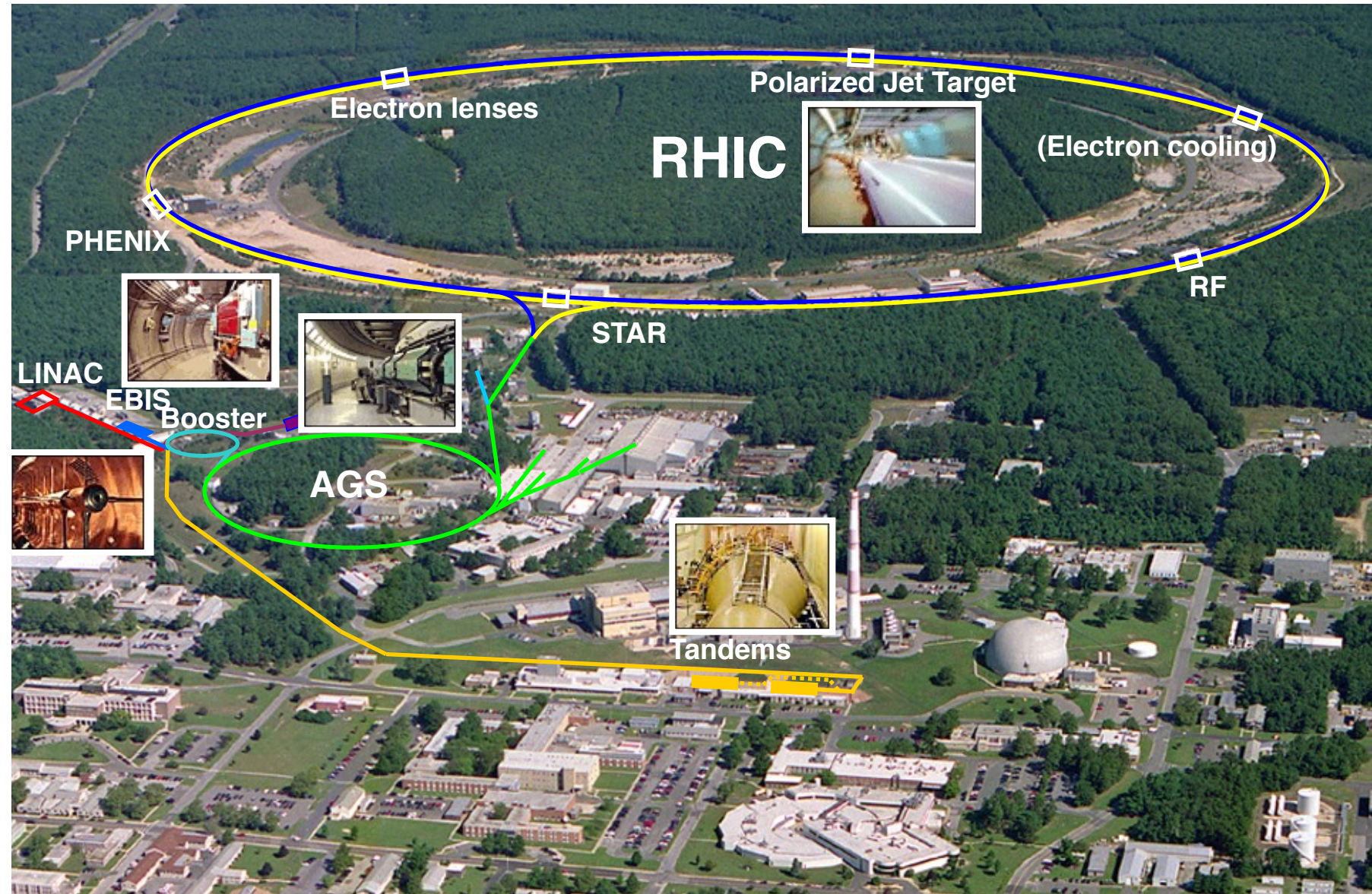
- ZGS (up to 70% at 12 GeV/c):  
Weak resonances ( $\epsilon_{\max} \sim 0.002$ )

- Timing of betatron tune jump using  
polarization measurement



# The RHIC Accelerator Complex

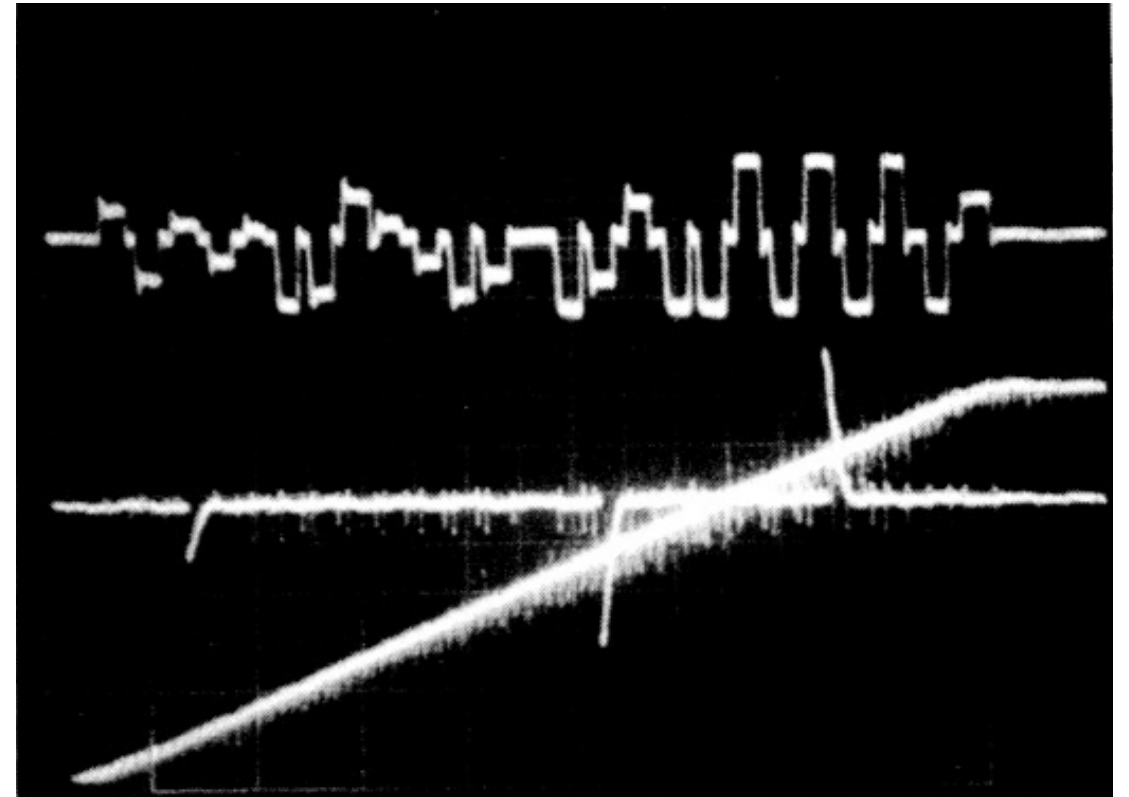
- Highly flexible and only US Hadron Collider
- Injectors also provide beams for unique applications





# First Effort to Accelerate Polarized Protons in AGS

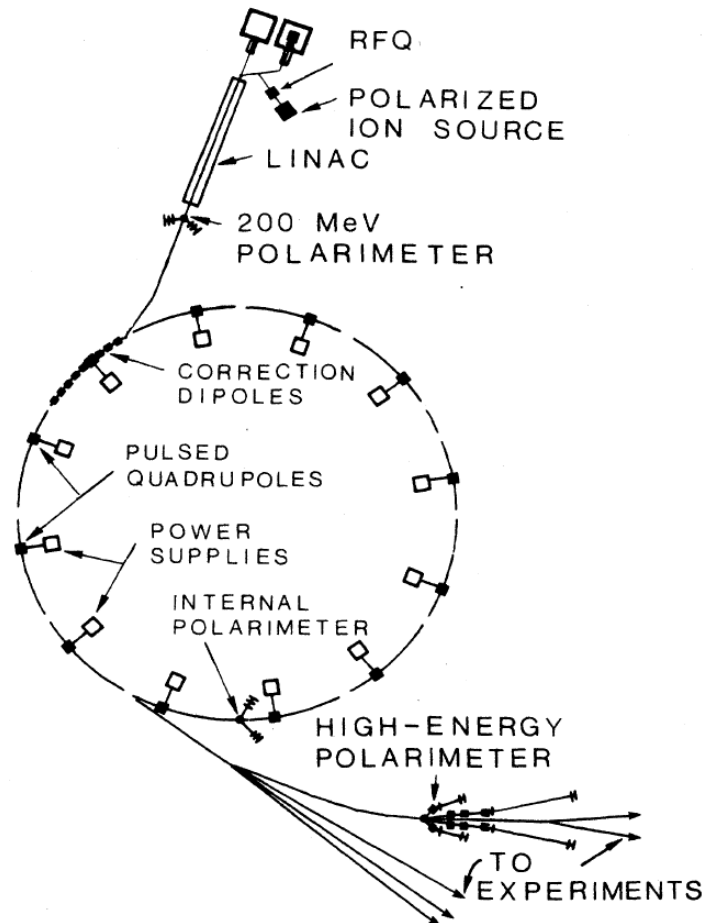
- In the 1980s, Alan Krisch and Larry Ratner led the first effort to polarize the AGS by correcting the approximately 50 imperfection and intrinsic depolarizing resonances. This was a truly heroic effort!



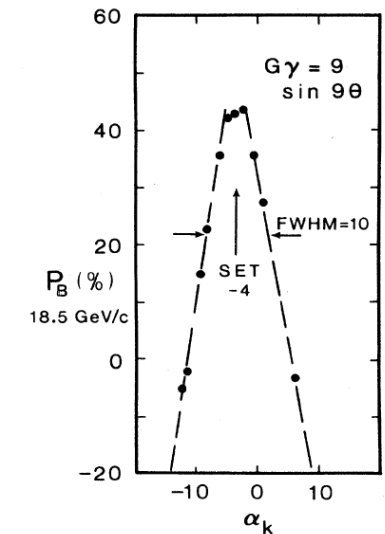
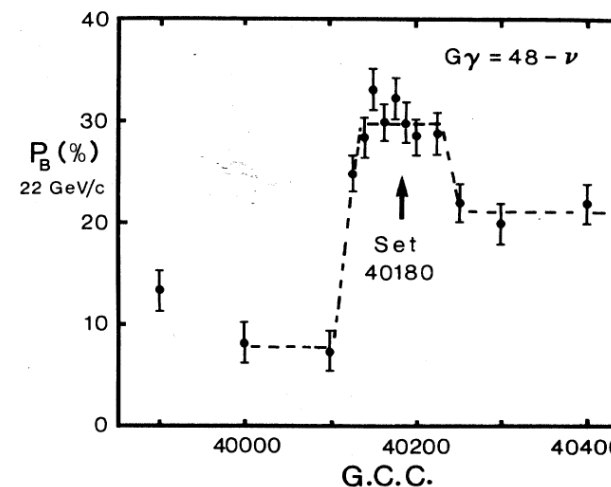
1/95 correction dipole; 1/10 pulsed quadrupole; main field

# First Effort to Accelerate Polarized Protons in AGS (cont'd)

- AGS (up to 42% at 22 GeV/c):  
Strong resonances ( $\epsilon_{\max} \sim 0.03$ )

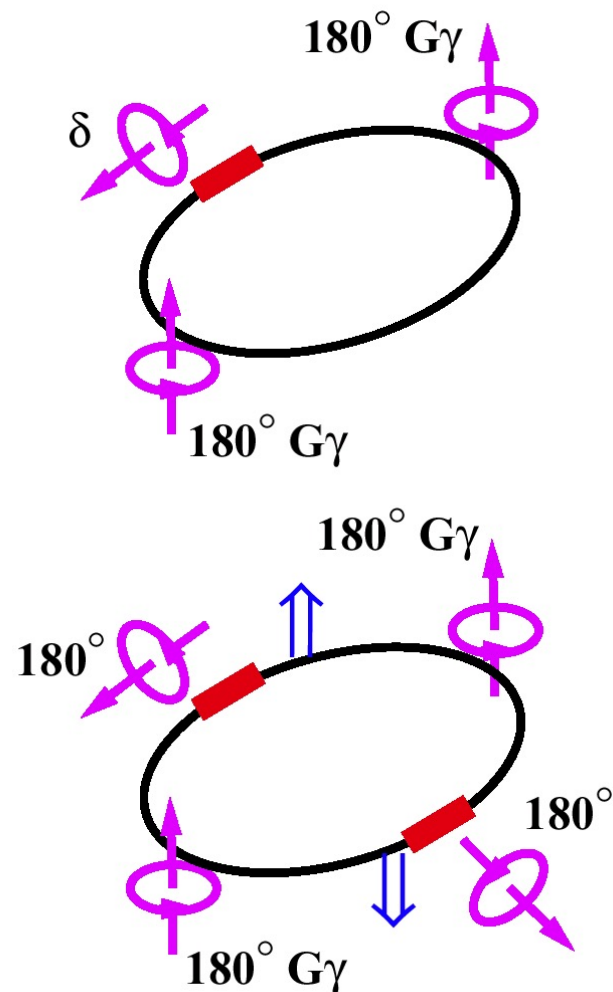


- Timing of betatron tune jump and adjusting dipole correction strength using polarization measurement
- Setting up polarized proton acceleration to 22 GeV required:
  - 6 pulsed quadrupole timing scans and
  - $2 \times 40$  harmonic corrector scans (sin + cos)





# Siberian Snakes (Local Spin Rotators)

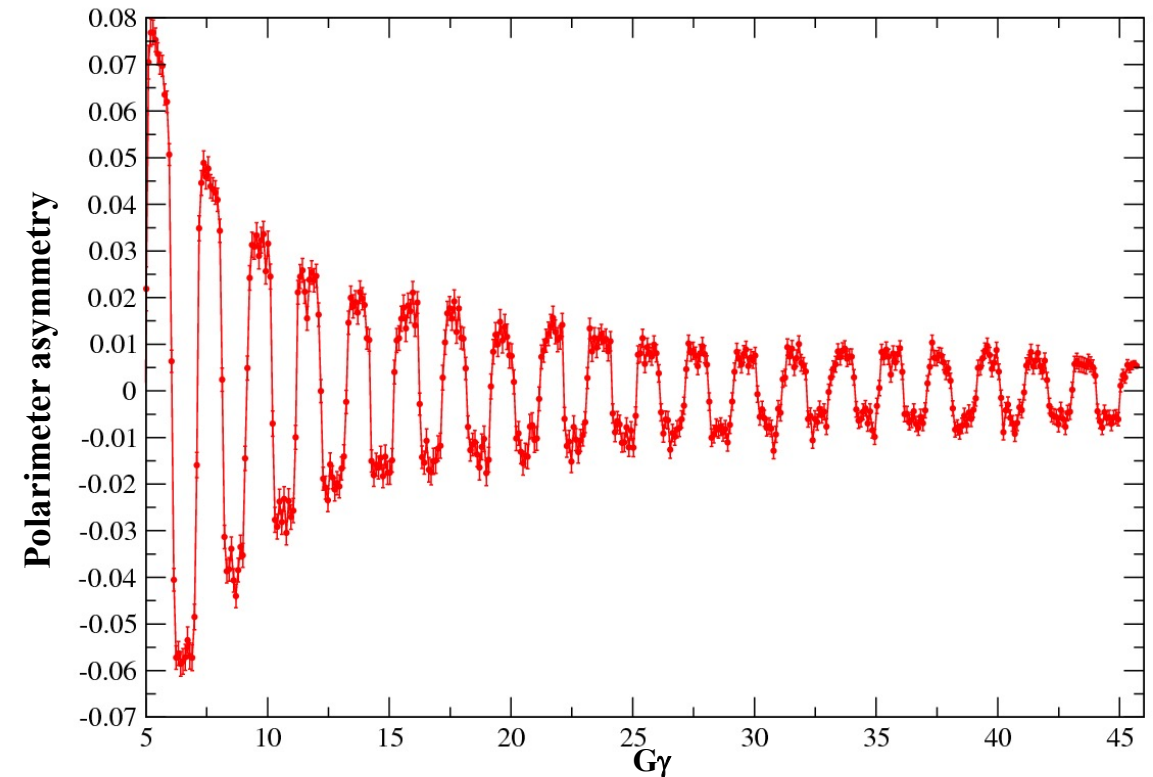
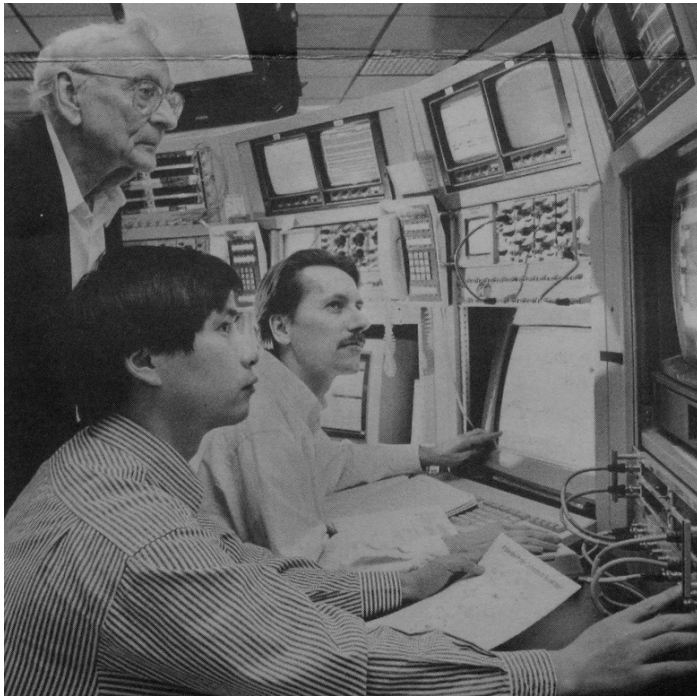


$$\cos(180^\circ \nu_{sp}) = \cos(\delta/2) \cdot \cos(180^\circ G\gamma)$$

- $\delta \neq 0^\circ \rightarrow \nu_{sp} \neq n$ 
  - No imperfection resonances
  - **Partial Siberian snake (AGS)**
- $\delta = 180^\circ \rightarrow \nu_{sp} = 1/2$ 
  - No imperfection resonances and
  - No Intrinsic resonances
  - **Full Siberian Snake (Ya.S. Derbenev and A.M. Kondratenko)**
- **Two Siberian Snakes (RHIC):**  $\nu_{sp} = (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)/180^\circ$  ( $\alpha_{1,2}$ : angles between snake axis and beam direction)
  - **Orthogonal snake axis:**  $\nu_{sp} = 1/2$  and independent of beam emittance

# Polarized Protons in the AGS Today

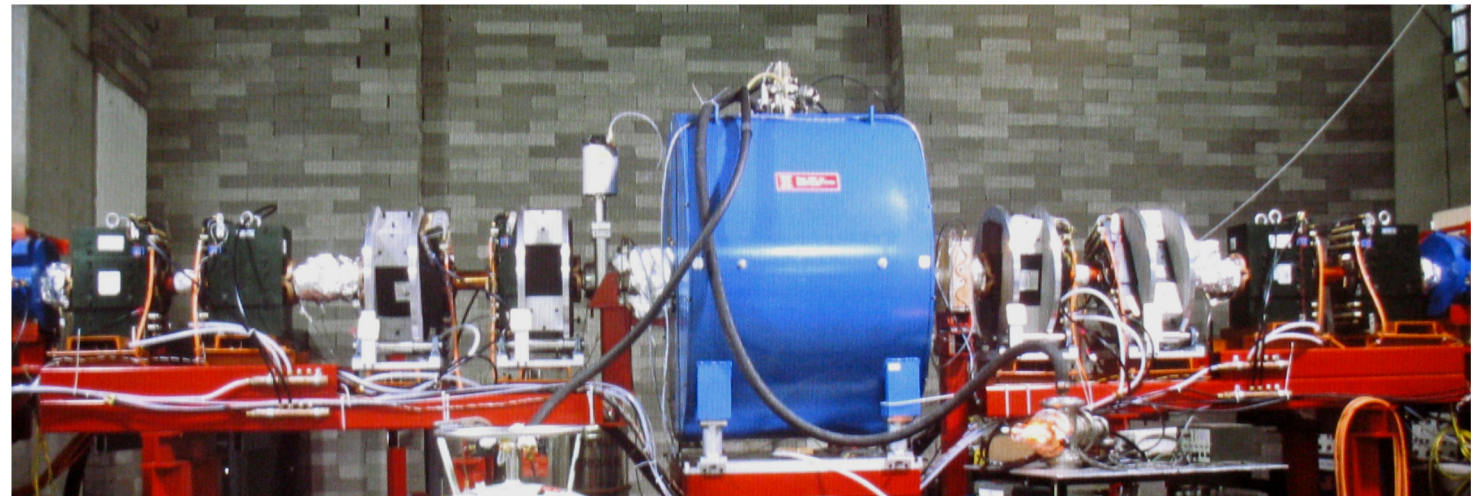
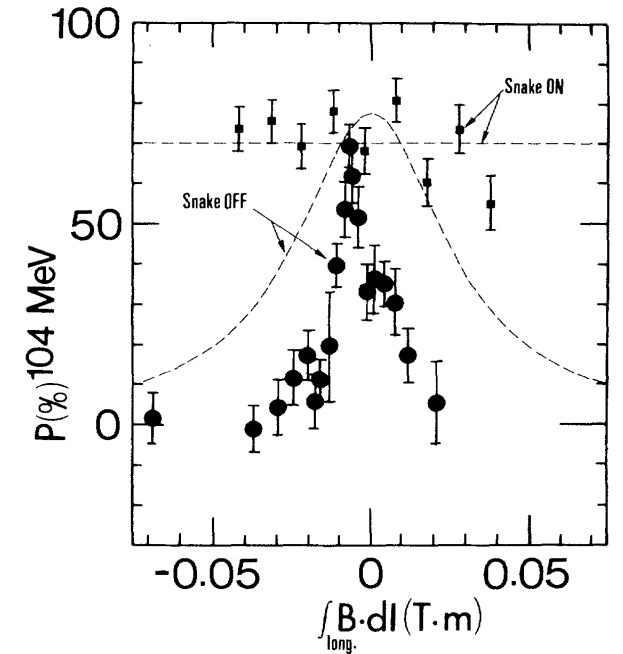
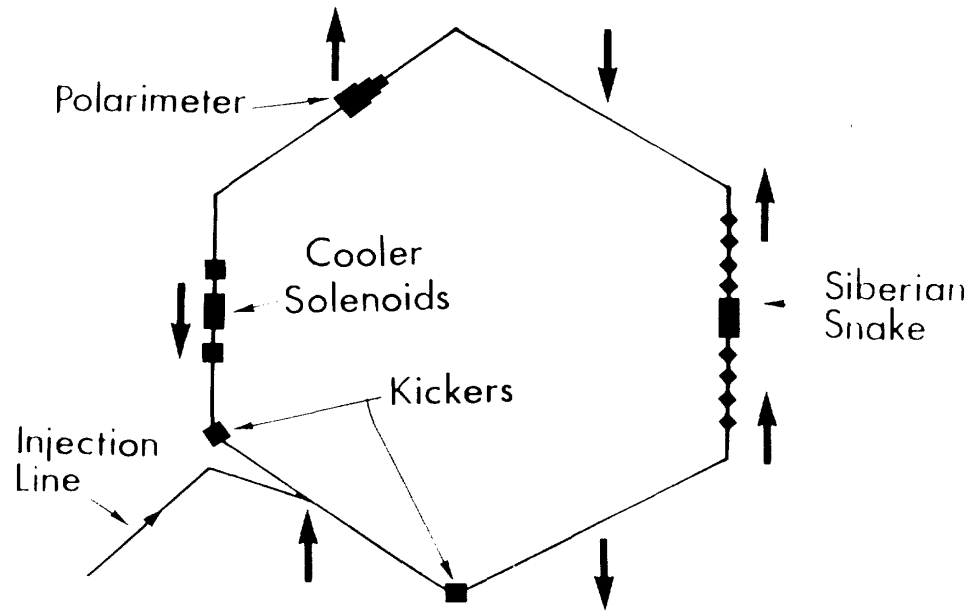
- Two strong partial Siberian snakes using variable-pitch helical dipoles
- Vertical betatron tune at 8.98!
- Pulsed quadrupoles to jump across the many weak horizontal spin resonances driven by the partial snakes.





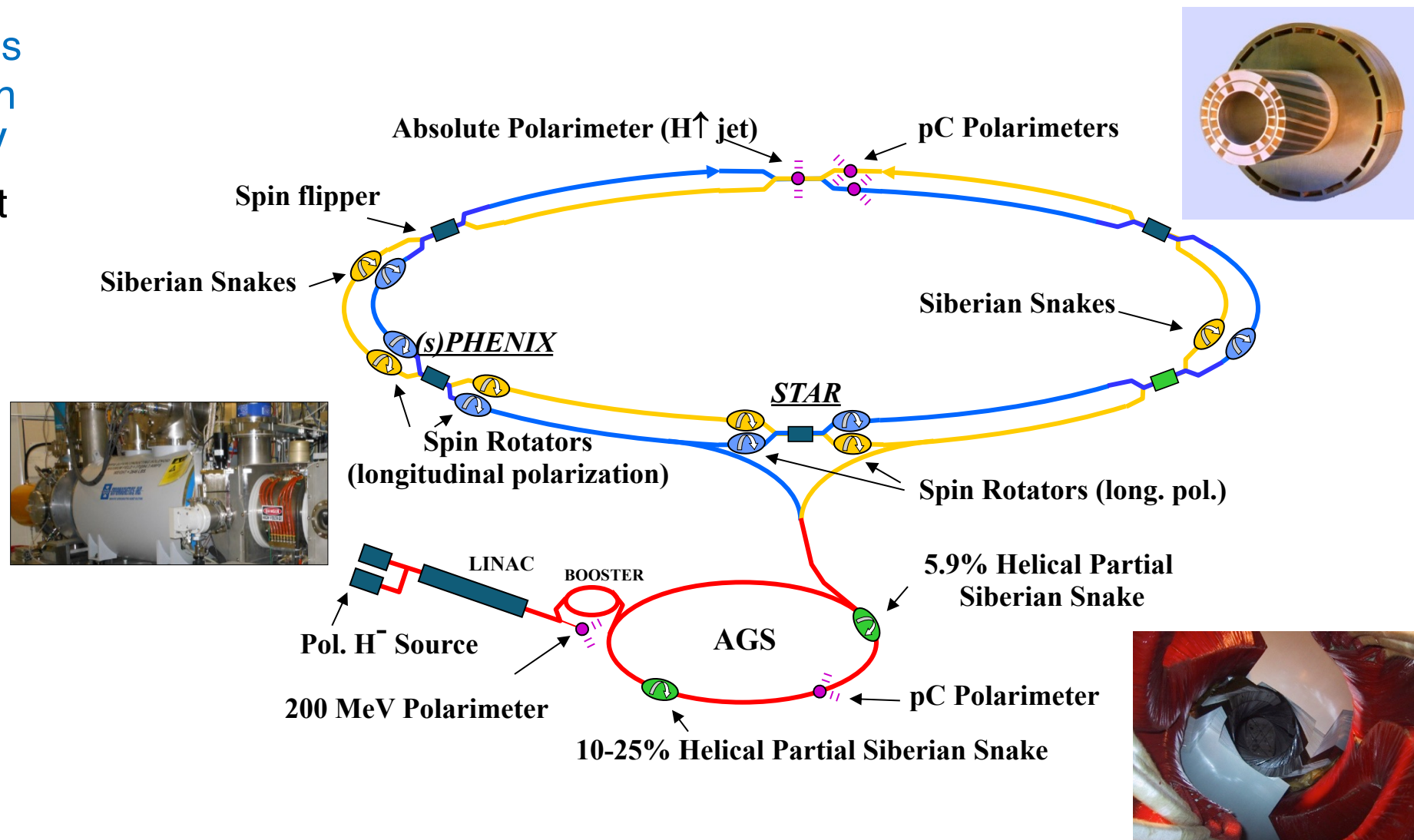
# First Siberian Snake Test at IUCF

- Full Siberian snake:  $180^\circ$  spin rotator without changing particle orbit.
- First full solenoid Siberian snake with optical correctors: 4 straight and 4 rotated quadrupoles (0 and 360 degrees betatron phase advance)



# RHIC – First Polarized Hadron Collider

- Two full Siberian snakes per ring preserve proton polarization to 255 GeV
- Spin direction control at detectors with spin rotators
- Minimally invasive polarimeters; also measure polarization profiles
- Absolute polarimeter using world's most intense polarized H jet





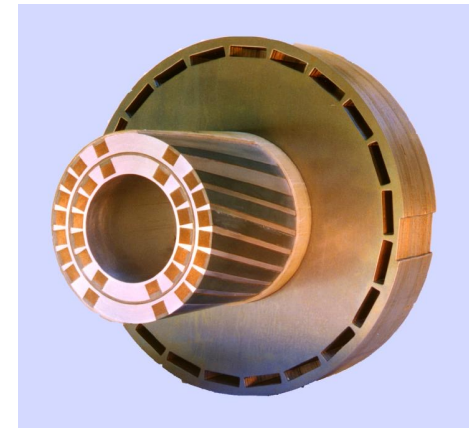
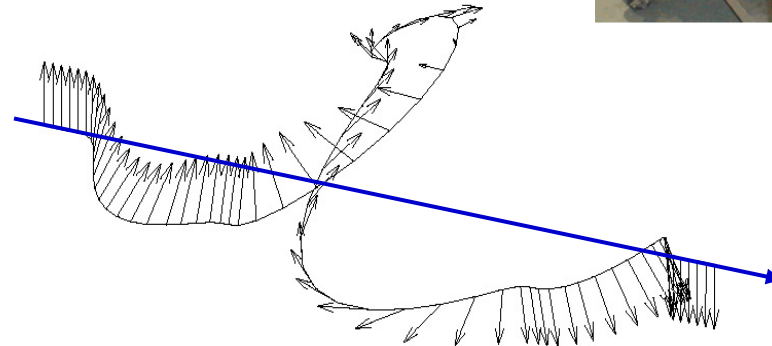
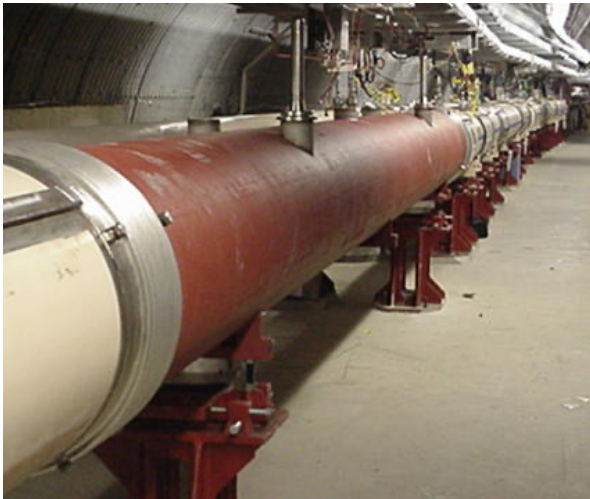
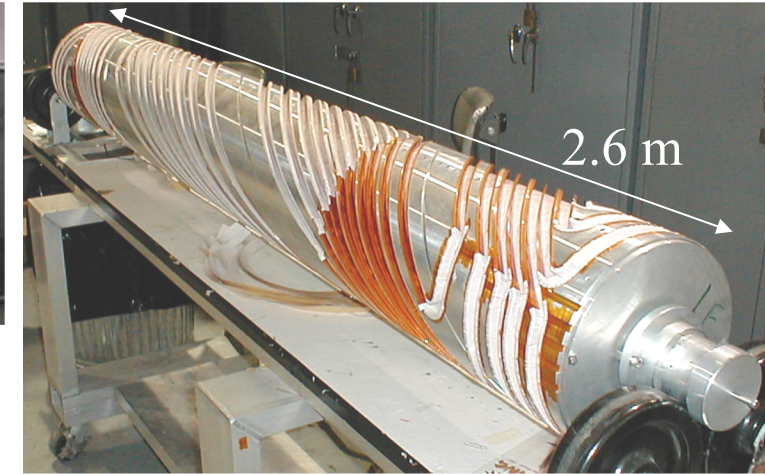
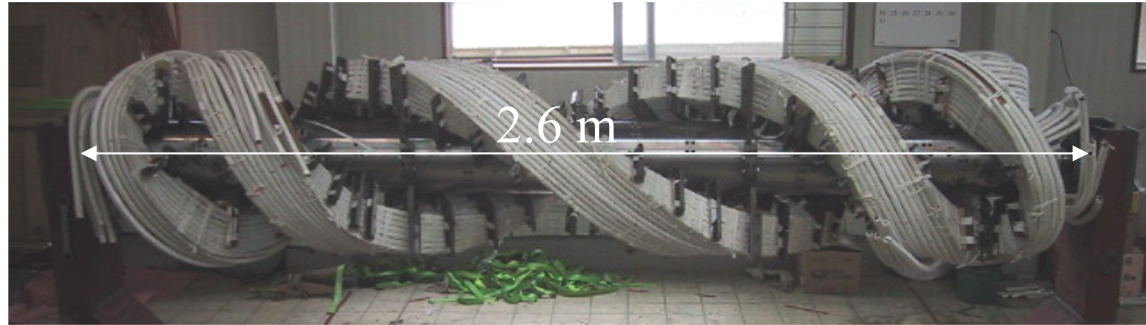
# BNL - High intensity polarized H- source

- Developed as BNL, TRIUMF, KEK, INR collaboration
- 1.0 mA in 300  $\mu$ s ( $1.8 \times 10^{12}$  protons per pulse); 83% polarization
- One source pulse is captured and accelerated for one bunch in RHIC
- With inefficiencies and scraping to lower emittance and higher polarization bunch intensity in RHIC is  $2.5 \times 10^{11}$  polarized protons



# AGS and RHIC Siberian Snakes

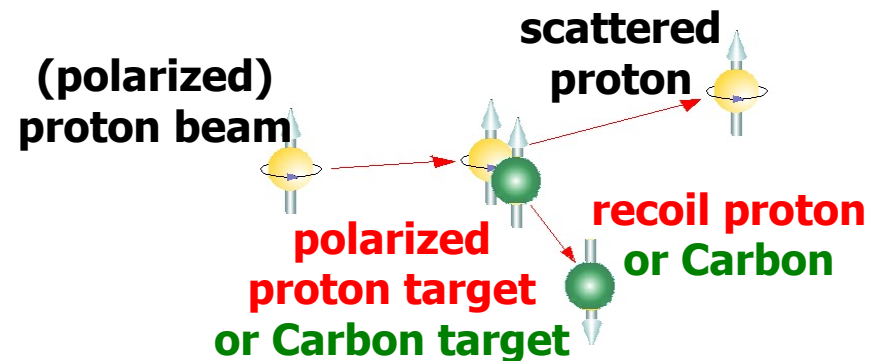
- AGS Siberian Snakes: variable twist helical dipoles, 1.5 T (RT), built in Japan, and 3 T (SC), 2.6 m long
- RHIC Siberian Snakes (funded by RIKEN): 4 SC helical dipoles, 4 T, each 2.4 m long and full 360-degree twist





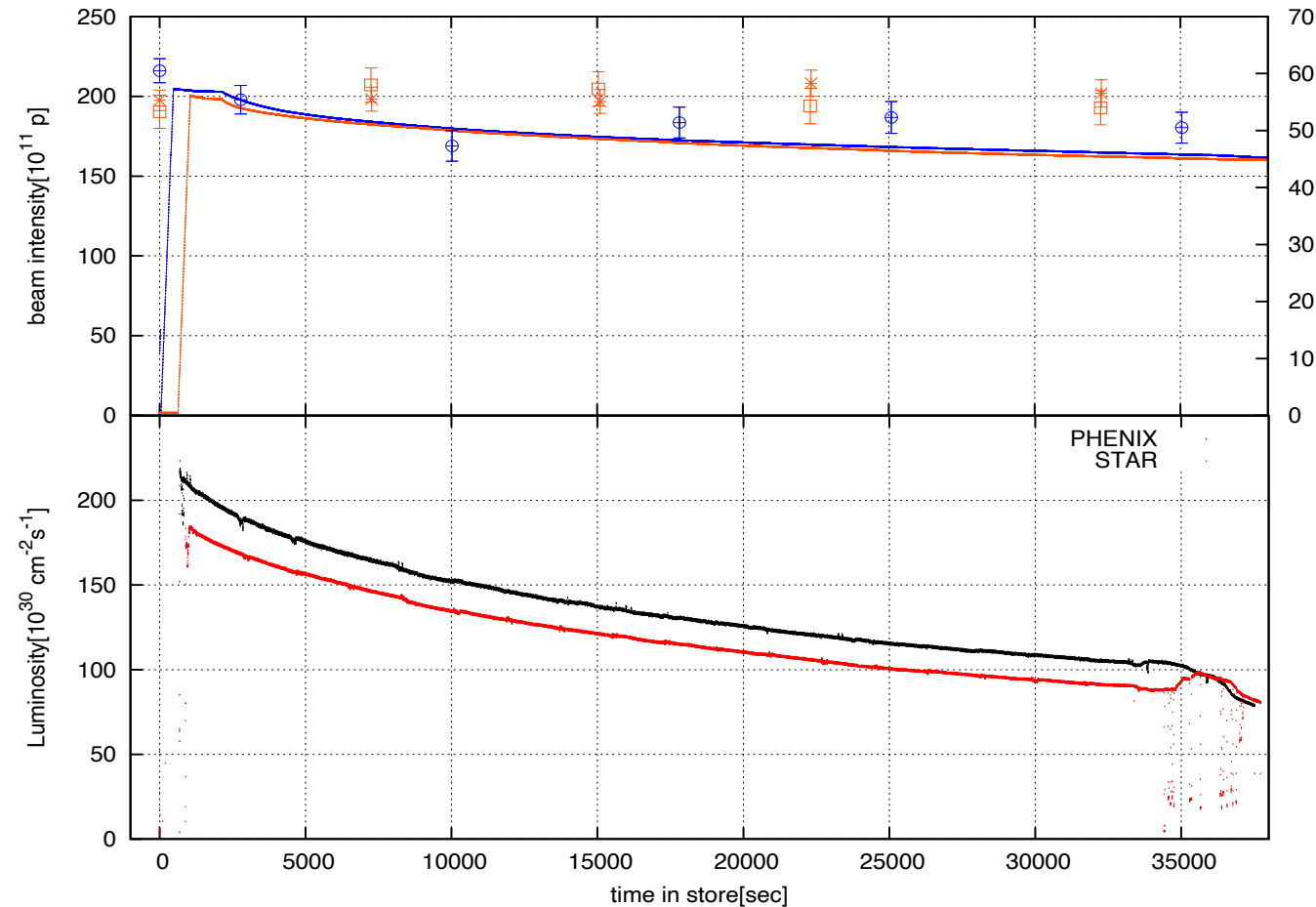
# RHIC Polarimetry

- **Absolute polarimeter (Pol. Hjet)**
  - Polarized hydrogen jet target allows for absolute beam polarization measurement:  $P_{\text{Beam}} = P_{\text{Target}} \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{Beam}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{Target}}}$
  - Jet target thickness of  $\sim 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  achieved
  - Jet pol.  $92 \pm 2 \%$  measured with Breit-Rabi polarimeter
  - Analyzing power  $A_N \sim 0.044$  (24 – 255 GeV)
- **Relative polarimeters (proton-carbon)**
  - Measure horizontal and vertical polarization profiles
  - Fast measurements ( $\sim 2$  minutes)
- **Local IP polarimeters (forward neutron production)**
  - Significant asymmetry, calibrated with Hjet
  - Used to adjust transverse polarization component to zero



# Polarized Proton Collisions at 255 GeV Beam Energy

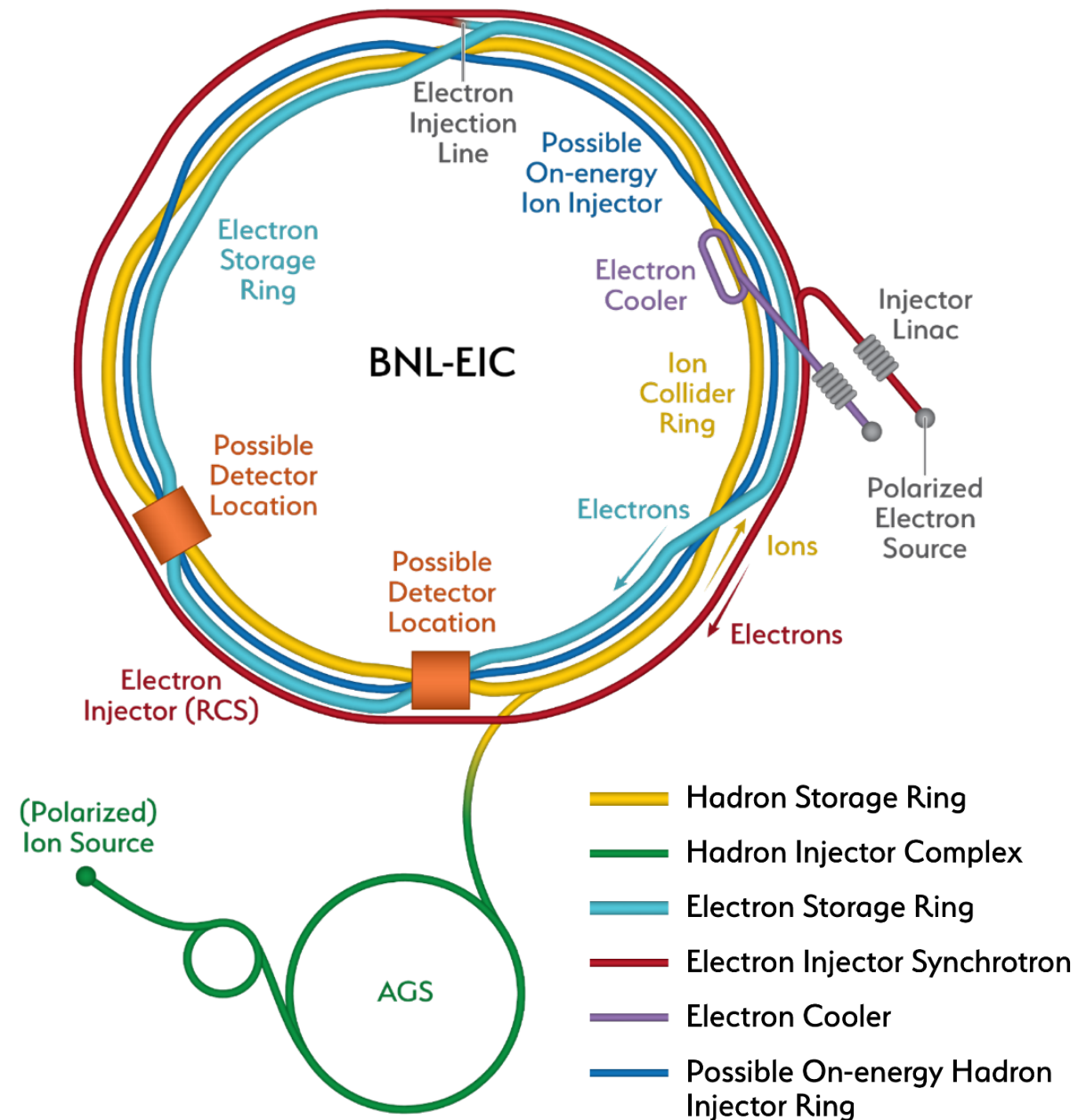
- Reached ~57% average polarization in 14 best stores
- Little polarization loss on ramp and during store
- Peak luminosity:  $2.5 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Requires excellent control of orbit, tune and coupling





# Electron Ion Collider

- Use existing RHIC accelerator complex
  - Up to 275 GeV polarized protons
  - Existing: tunnel, detector halls & hadron injector complex
- Add 18 GeV polarized electron accelerator in the same tunnel
- Achieve high luminosity, high energy polarized e-p/A collisions with full acceptance detector
- Strong hadron cooling needed for highest luminosities



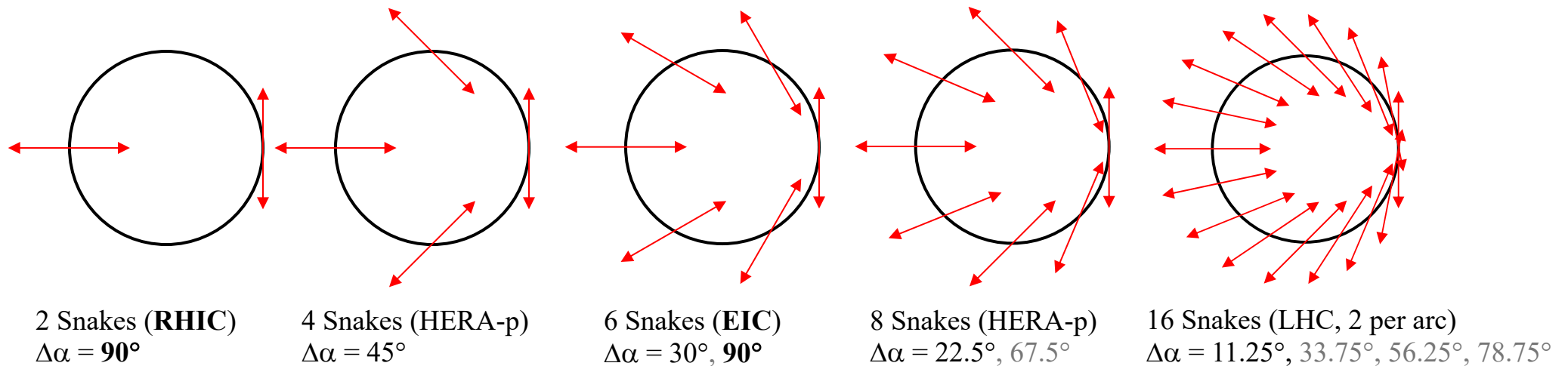
# Multiple Siberian Snakes for High Energy Rings

- Spin rotation of Siberian snake ( $\delta$ )  $\gg$  Spin rotation of resonance driving fields (strength  $\varepsilon$ )
  - Imperfection resonances:  $\varepsilon \propto \text{Energy}$ ; Intrinsic resonances:  $\varepsilon \propto \sqrt{\text{Energy}}$
- |   |                      | $E_{\text{max}}/\text{GeV}$ | $\sqrt{E_{\text{max}}}/\text{GeV}$ |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Partial snakes (AGS, $\delta \sim 27^\circ$ ) | $\varepsilon < 0.07$ | 24                          | 5                                  |
| • Two full snakes (RHIC)                        | $\varepsilon < 0.5$  | 250                         | 16                                 |
| • 16 full snakes (LHC?)                         | $\varepsilon < 4$    | 7000                        | 84                                 |
- Intrinsic resonance strengths increase slowly and can be addressed with multiple snakes
  - Imperfection resonance strengths increase faster and require ever better vertical orbit corrections



## Multiple Siberian Snakes (cont'd)

- S.R. Mane showed that for a single strong intrinsic resonance the spin tune does not depend on the beam emittance if the snake axes angle increases in equal steps from one snake to the next.
- This may be a good starting point for a multiple snake design.

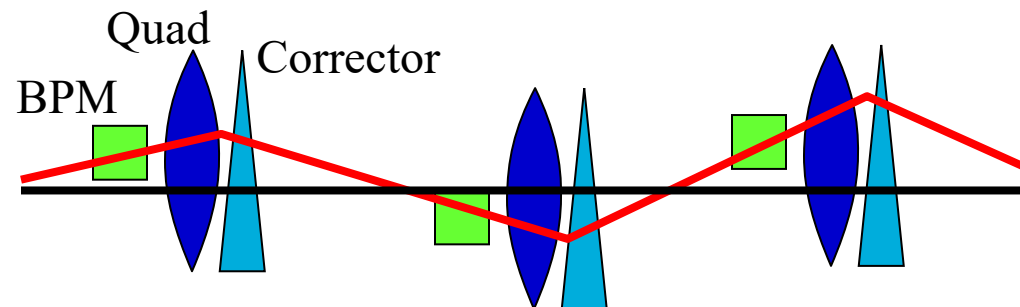


# Global Imperfection Resonances – the Ultimate Energy Limit?

- Residual orbit distortion after orbit correction drives imperfection resonance with a strength that is not affected by (multiple) Siberian snakes
- Resonance strength needs to be less than 0.05 ( S. Y. Lee and E. D. Courant, Phys. Rev. D 41, 292 (1990))
- At RHIC (250 GeV) this corresponds to  $\sim 250 \mu\text{m}$  residual orbit error (OK)
- At LHC (7 TeV) this corresponds to  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$  residual orbit error ! (LHC orbit accuracy  $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Need beam-based quadrupole offset measurement, same as minimized vertical dispersion
- Flatten actual beam orbit using H and V beam position monitors and correctors at each quadrupole:

Correct orbit to minimize kicks:

- Orbit going through center of BPM's
- Orbit without kicks





# Summary

- Exceptional progress in polarized proton acceleration from a few MeV to colliding polarized protons at 510 GeV based on seminal contributions from Ernest Courant, Satoshi Ozaki, Willy Haeberli and many, many more.
- The ultimate limit for polarized proton acceleration might be if the depolarization can occur in a single turn from a "random" destructive orbit distortion pattern. The only remedy is an extremely flat beam orbit, which is likely not feasible at energies beyond the LHC.