

**Project:** Laser-induced acceleration of polarized  $^3\text{He}$  ions from PHELIX and injection into a conventional accelerator of the FAIR facility

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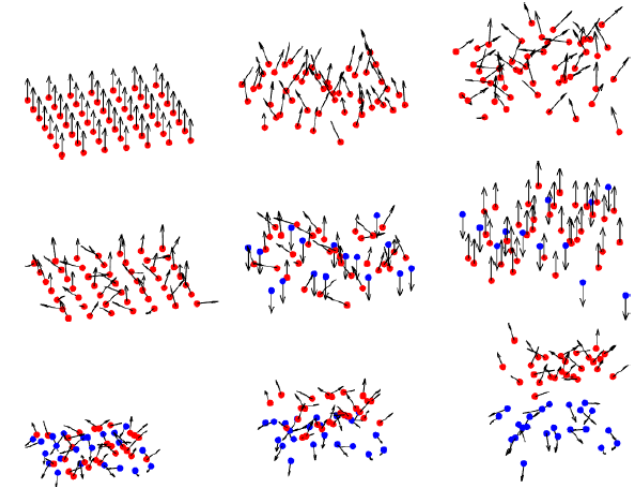
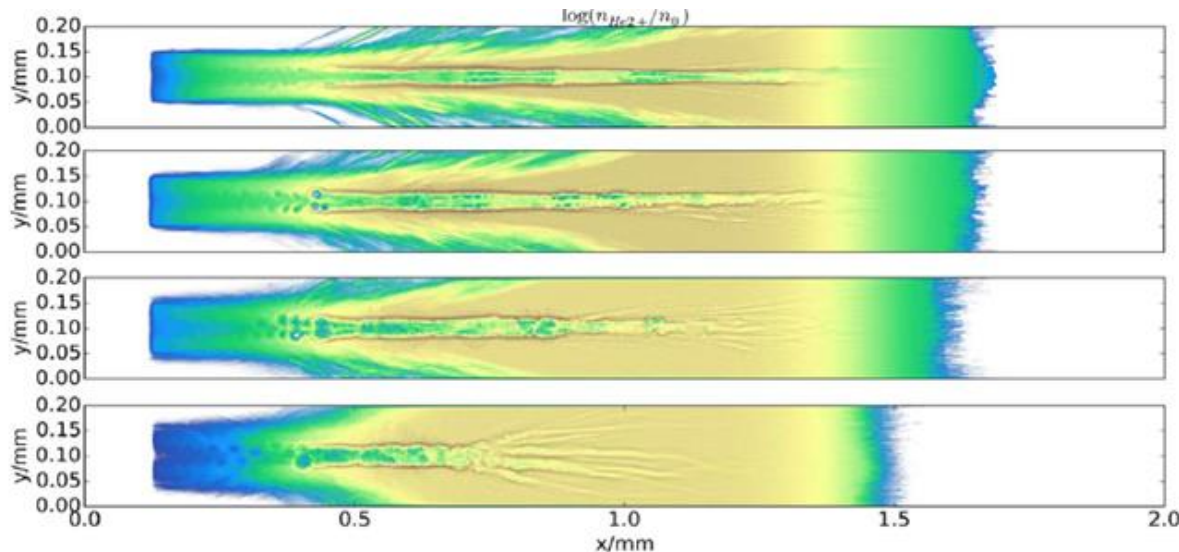
*Thomas-BMT equation  
Sokolov-Ternov effect  
Stern-Gerlach effect*

Our expertise & preliminary work: **Theory of polarized beams in Plasmas**

*Scaling laws for the depolarization time of relativistic particle beams in strong fields,*  
Phys. Rev. AB 23, 06441 (2020)

**Simulation of spin effects with PIC codes (VLPL, EPOCH):**

High Power Laser Sc. Eng. 7, e16 (2019); Phys. Rev. E 102, 011201(R) (2020)  
New J. Phys. 21 (2019) 073052; Phys. Rev. E 100, 043202 (2019)



**Preparation of polarized targets for laser applications**

First measurement of proton polarization at Arcturus/HHUD:  
PoP 21, 023104 (2014)

$^3\text{He}$ -ion (unpolarized) acceleration from gas jet at Phelix/GSI:  
PPCF 61, 115012 (2019)

# PLANNED WORK PACKAGES

- Simulation of spin effects and ion acceleration in polarized  $^3\text{He}$  gas targets (using supercomputer facilities at FZJ)
- Interpretation of data from PHELIX experiments (unpolarized [2015] and polarized [scheduled for 2021])
- Optimization of laser/target parameters for generation of polarized  $^3\text{He}$  beams
- Simulation of polarized  $^3\text{He}$  beam transfer at FAIR using conventional accelerator components (A. Lehrach, FZJ)

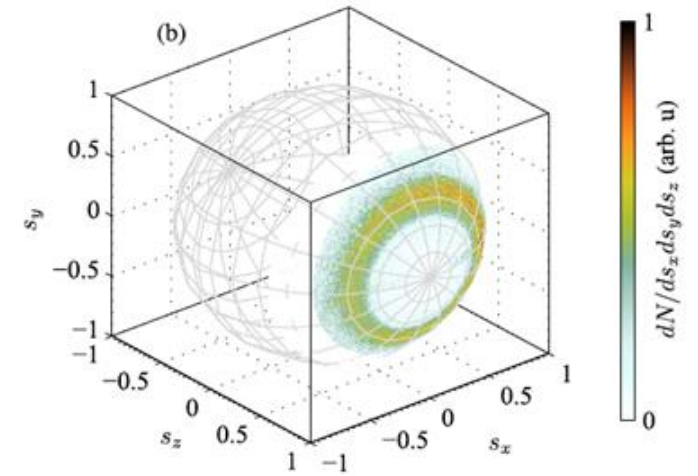


FIG. 2. Snapshots at  $t = 330\lambda/c$  of (a) phase-space distribution, and (b) spin spread of protons with energy  $\mathcal{E} \geq 20$  MeV on the Bloch sphere. Simulation parameters can be found in the text.

Phys. Rev. E 102 R011201 (2020)

## Requested funding:

**1 Ph.D. position at HHU (Prof. Pukhov)**

The position is in theory / simulations in close collaboration with FZJ