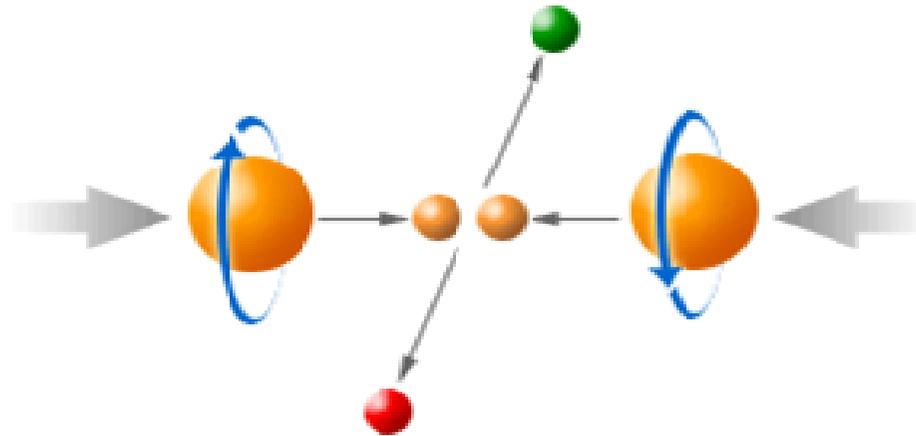


# Polarized Protons and Siberian Snakes

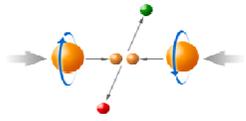


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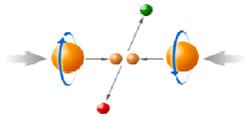
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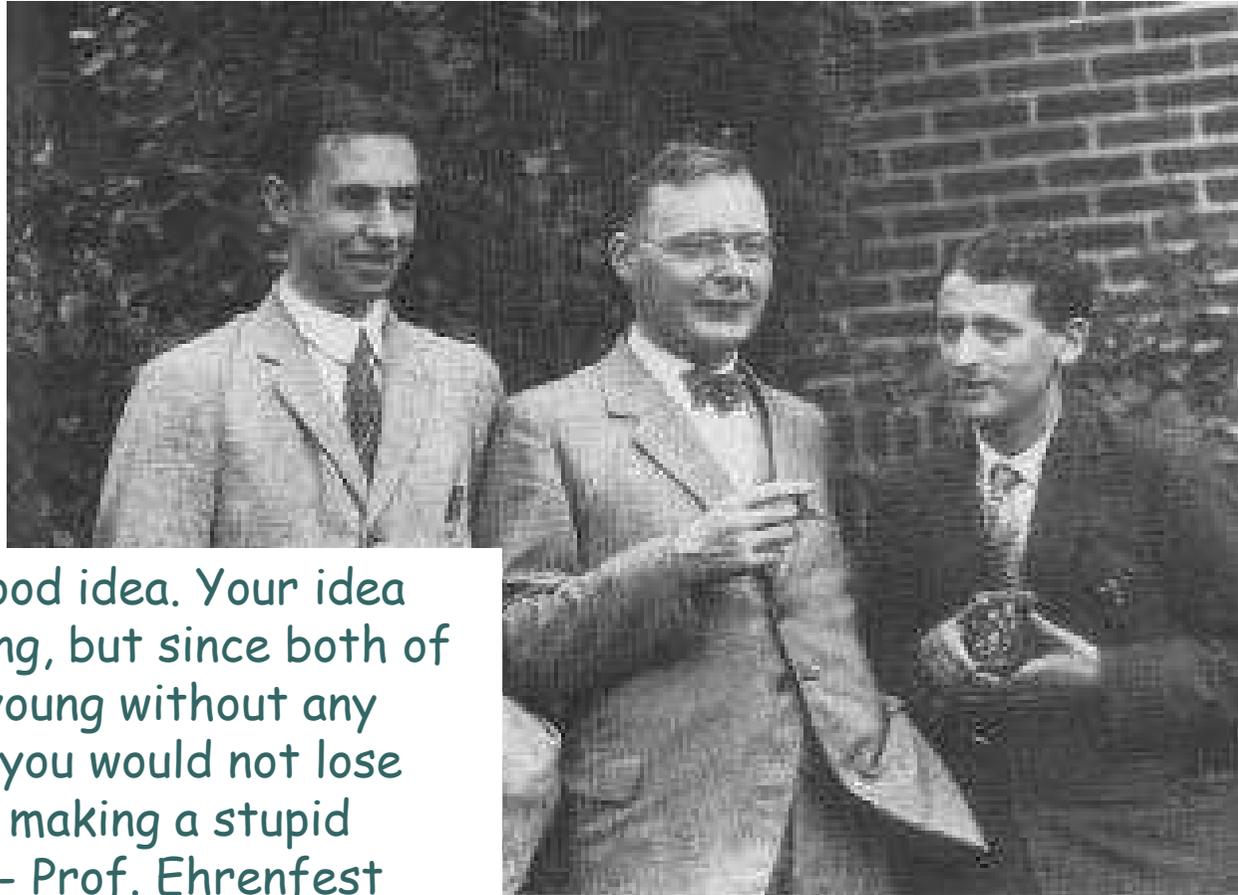


# Outline

- **Introduction: why polarized protons**
  - spin “crisis”
- **Accelerating polarized protons to high energy**
  - beam dynamics in a synchrotron
  - spin dynamics
  - challenges and solutions
- **Siberian Snake**
  - RHIC: the first polarized proton collider
- **Summary**

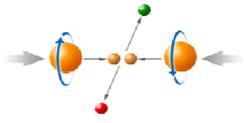


# Discovery of Spin: 1925

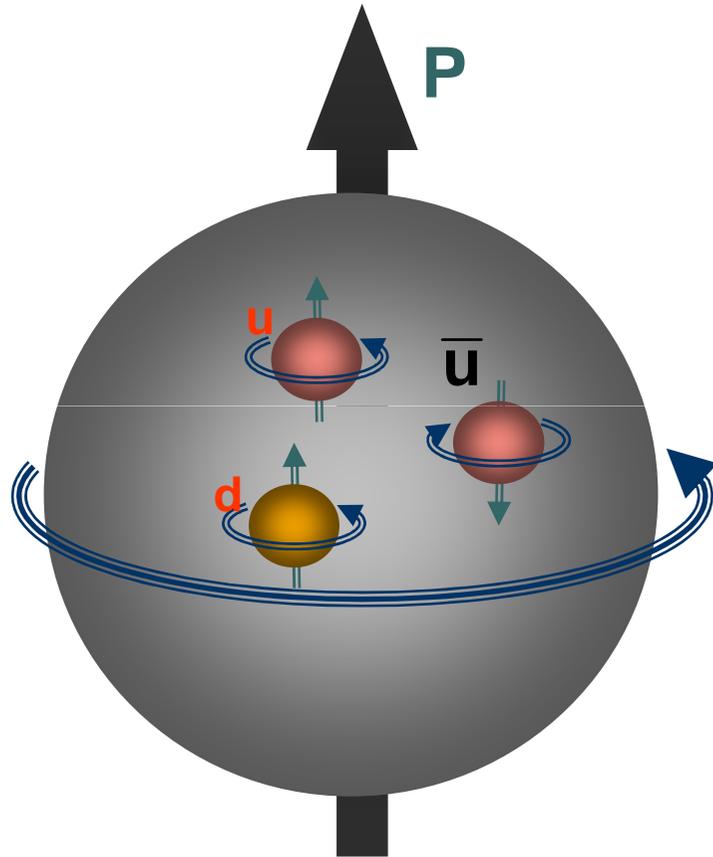


"This is a good idea. Your idea may be wrong, but since both of you are so young without any reputation, you would not lose anything by making a stupid mistake." --- Prof. Ehrenfest

*G.E. Uhlenbeck and S. Goudsmit, Naturwissenschaften 47 (1925) 953. A subsequent publication by the same authors, Nature 117 (1926) 264,*



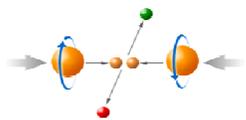
# Spin Crisis: what makes up the proton spin?



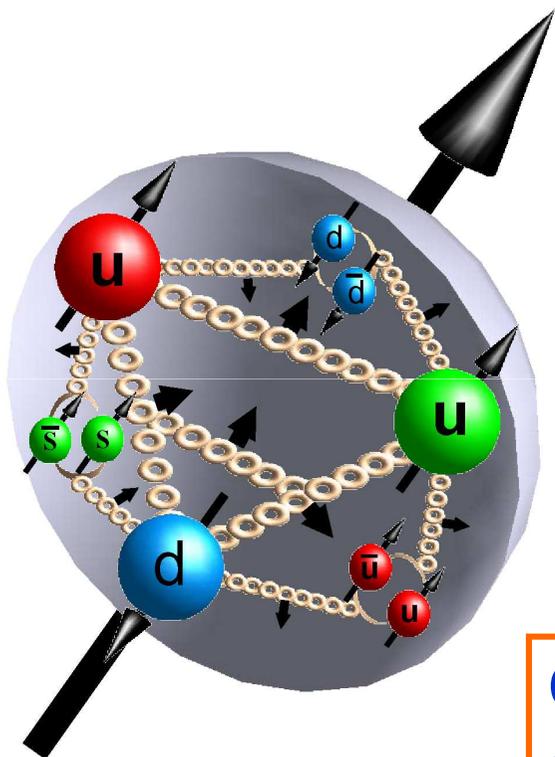
Sum of spins of all quarks

$$S = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma$$

CERN EMC, SMC:  
 $\Delta\Sigma \sim 20\%$



# Current model: Proton spin sum-rule



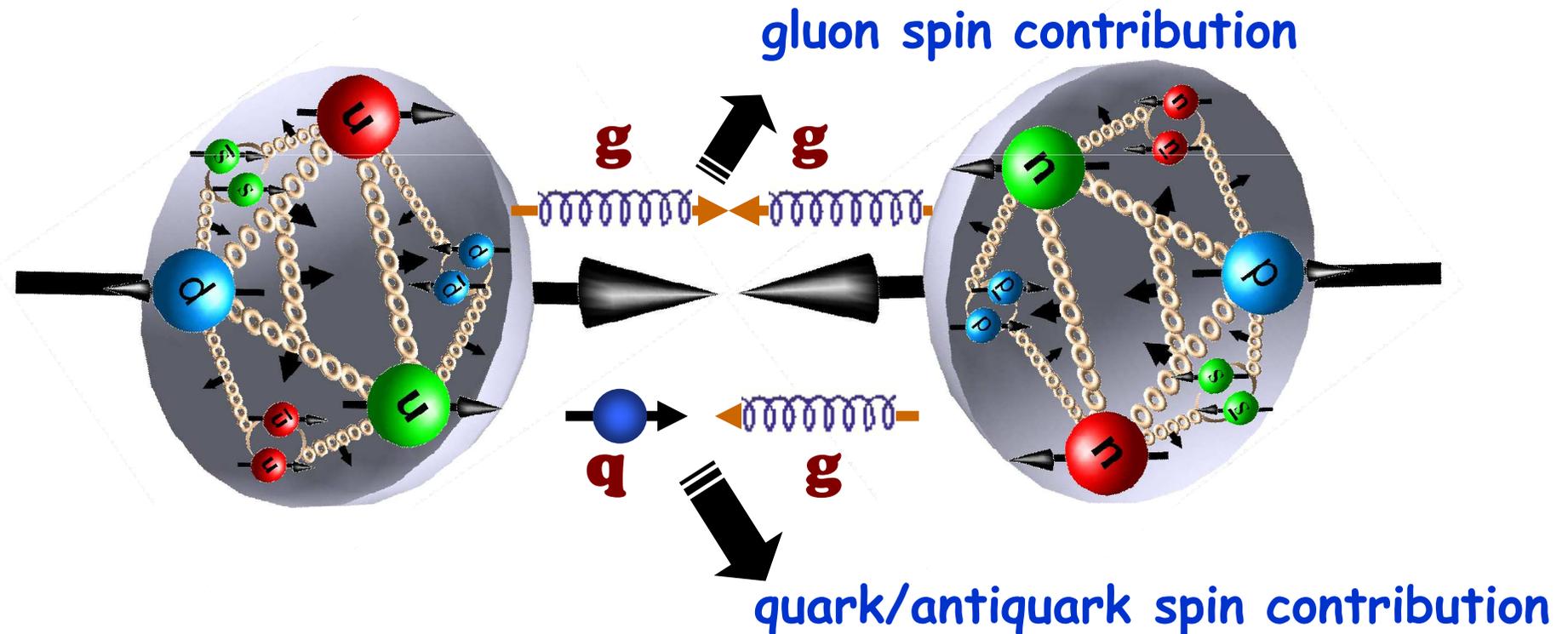
Spin contribution from  
all the gluons?

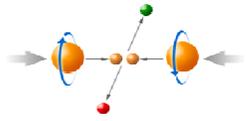
$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{L}_q + \mathbf{L}_g$$

Orbital angular momentum of  
quarks and gluons?

# *Quest to unveil the proton spin structure:*

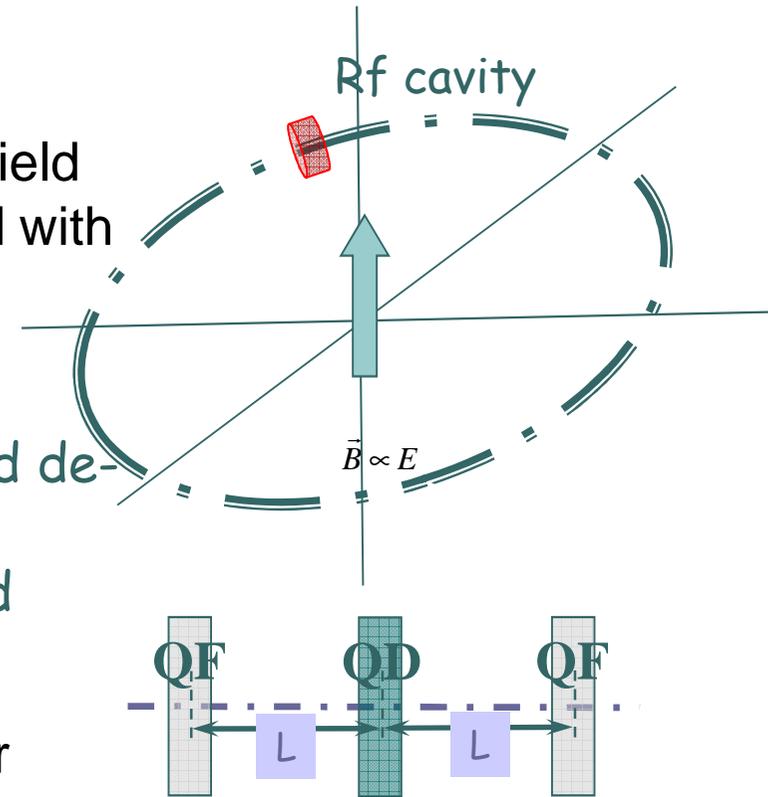
High energy proton proton collisions:  
gluon gluon collision and gluon quark collision



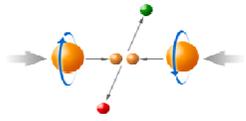


# Synchrotron

- The acceleration comes from the electric field with an oscillating frequency synchronized with the particle's revolution frequency
- Alternating gradient
  - A proper combination of focusing and de-focusing quadrupoles yields a net focusing force in both horizontal and vertical planes
- FODO cell: most popular building block for synchrotrons



$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ x' \end{pmatrix}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2f} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{f} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2f} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x' \end{pmatrix}_1$$



# Beam motion in a circular accelerator

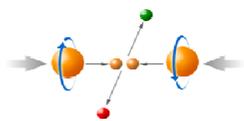
## ○ Closed orbit

- A particle trajectory remains constant from one orbital revolution to the next
- Closed orbit distortion: deviation from the center of the beam pipe

## ○ Betatron oscillation

- An oscillatory motion around the closed orbit from turn to turn

$$\frac{d^2x}{ds^2} + K_x(s)x = 0 \implies x(s) = \sqrt{2\beta_x J} \cos(2\pi Q_x \theta(s) + \chi_x)$$

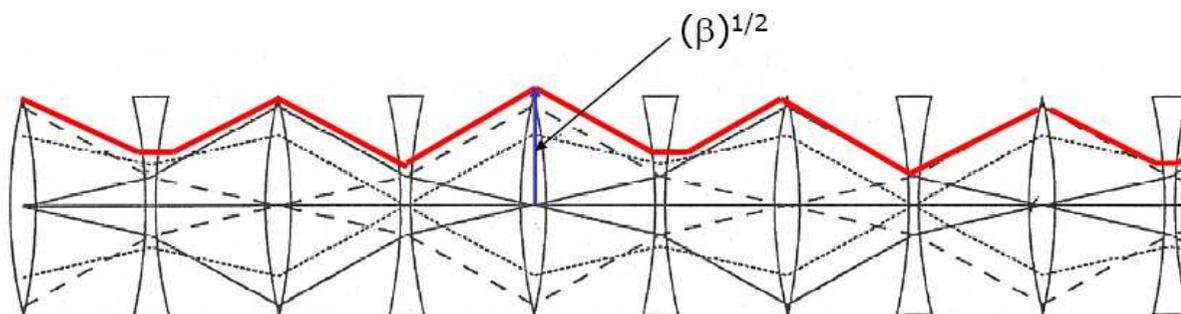


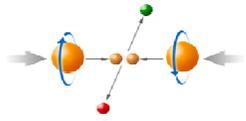
# Particle motion in a synchrotron

- Betatron oscillation:

$$x(s) = \sqrt{2\beta_x J} \cos(2\pi Q_x \theta(s) + \chi_x)$$

- Beta function: the envelope of the particle's trajectory along the machine
- Betatron tune: number of betatron oscillations in one orbital revolution



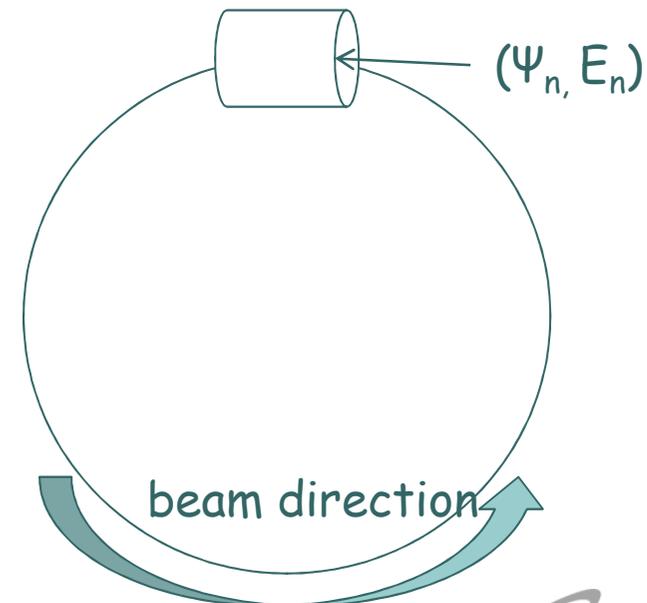


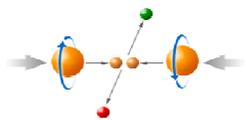
# RF cavity

- Provide an oscillating electrical field to
  - accelerate the charged particles
  - keep the particles longitudinally bunched, i.e. focused
- A metallic cavity
  - resonating at a frequency integer multiples of the particle's revolution frequency

$$E_z(r,t) = E(r)e^{i2\pi f_{rf}t}$$

$$B_\theta(r,t) = B(r)e^{i2\pi f_{rf}t}$$





# Spin motion: Thomas BMT Equation

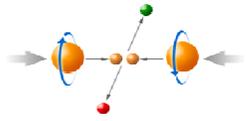
$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{S} = -\frac{e}{\gamma m} [(1 + G\gamma)\vec{B}_{\perp} + (1 + G)\vec{B}_{\parallel}] \times \vec{S}$$

Spin vector in particle's  
rest frame

Magnetic field along  
the direction of the  
particle's velocity

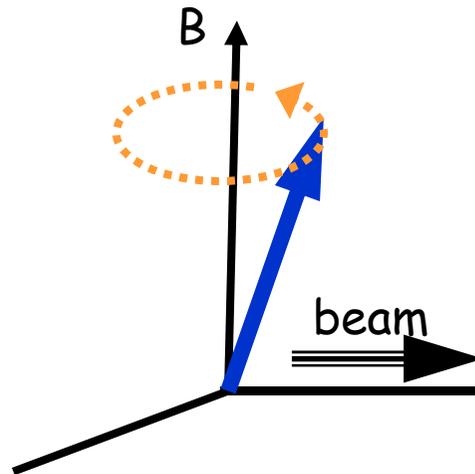
- **G** is the anomalous g-factor, for proton,  
**G=1.7928474**
- **γ**: Lorenz factor

Magnetic field  
perpendicular to the  
particle's velocity



# Spin motion in a circular accelerator

- In a perfect accelerator, spin vector precesses around its guiding field along the vertical direction

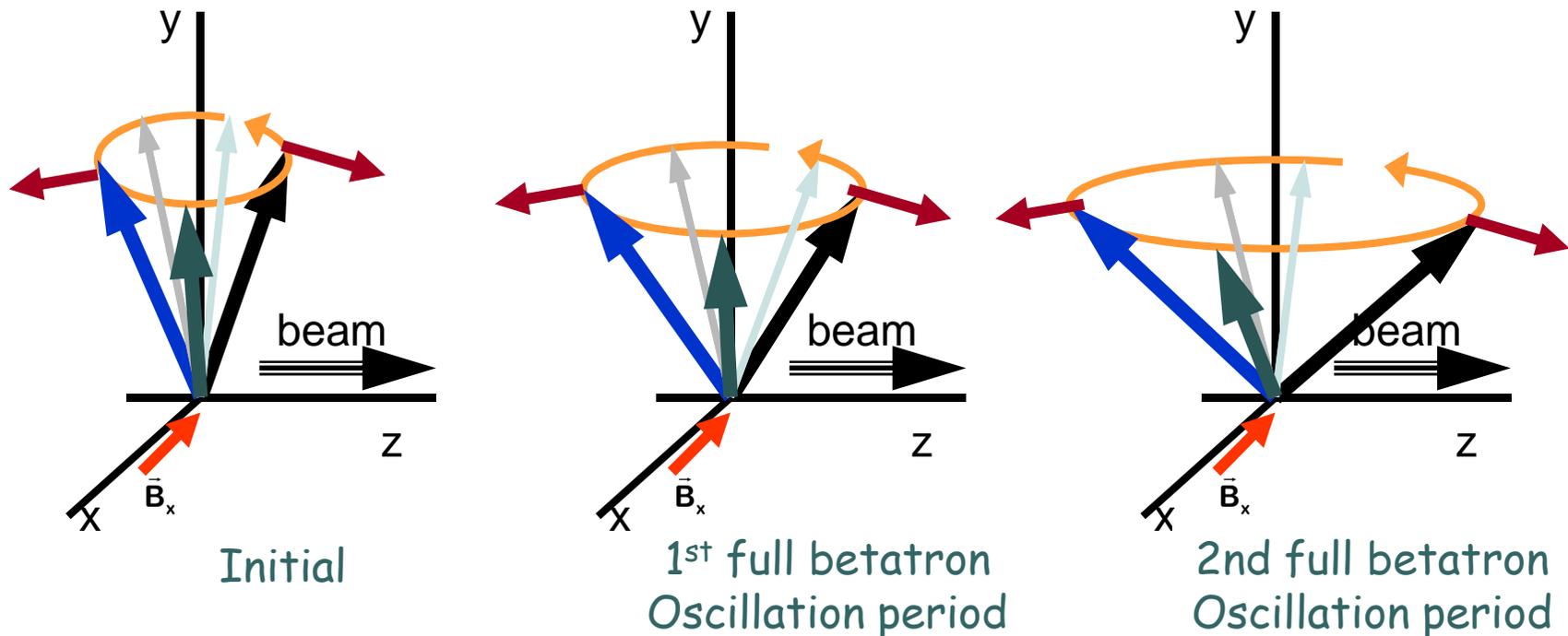


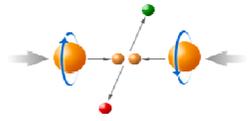
- Spin tune  $Q_s$ : number of precessions in one orbital revolution. In general,

$$Q_s = G\gamma$$

# polarized proton acceleration challenges: preserve beam polarization

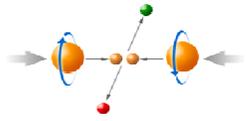
- Depolarization(polarization loss) mechanism
  - Come from the horizontal magnetic field which kicks the spin vector away from its vertical direction
  - Spin depolarizing resonance : coherent build-up of perturbations on the spin vector when the spin vector gets kicked at the same frequency as its precession frequency





# imperfection spin resonance

- Source
  - dipole errors, quadrupole mis-alignments
- Resonance location:  
 $G\gamma = k$ ,  $k$  is an integer
- Resonance strength:
  - Proportional to the size of the vertical closed orbit distortion



# Intrinsic spin resonance

- **Intrinsic resonance**

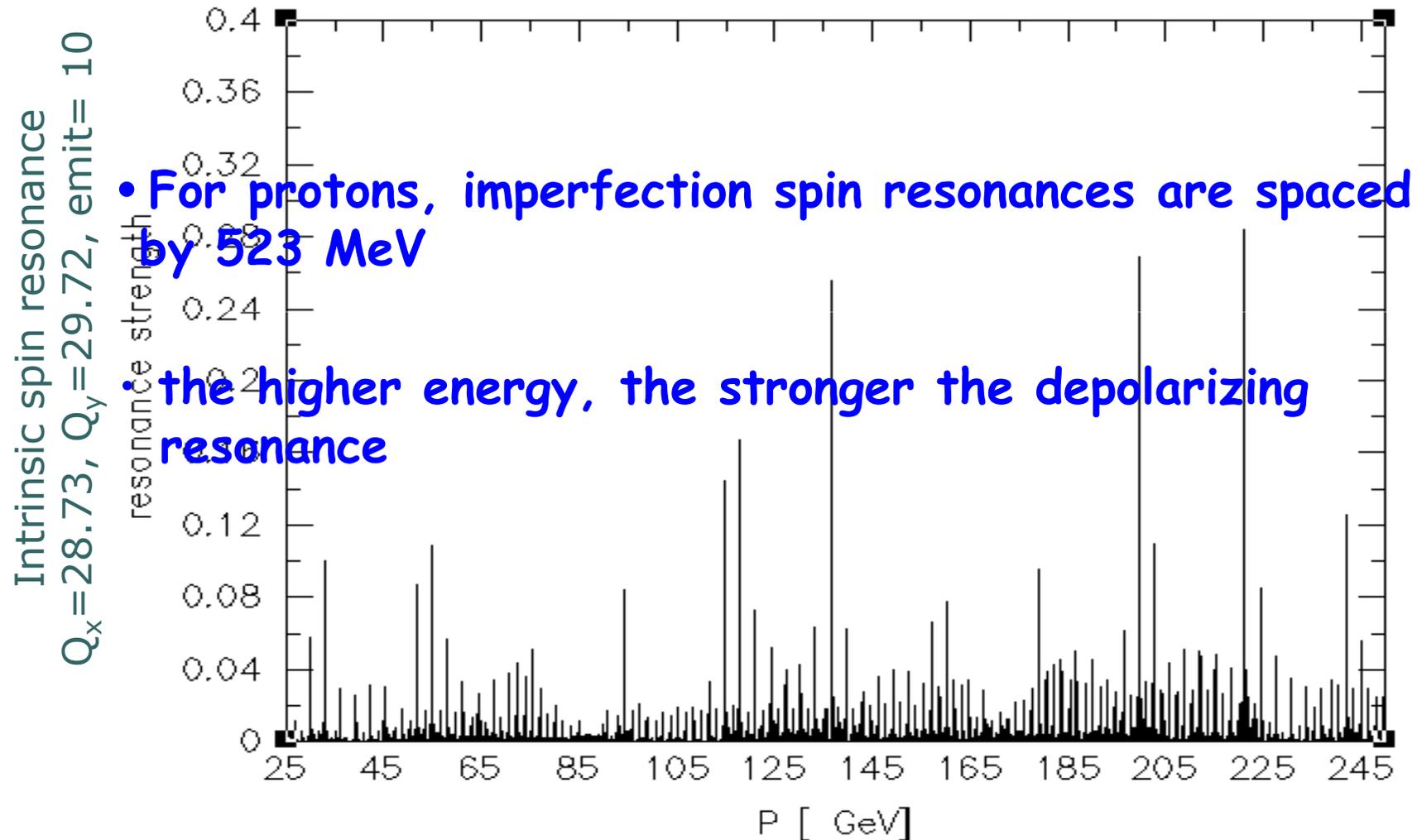
- Source: focusing field due to the intrinsic betatron oscillation
- Resonance location:

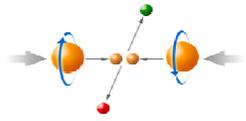
$$G\gamma = kP \pm Q_y,$$

$P$  is the super periodicity of the accelerator,  $Q_y$  is the vertical betatron tune

- Resonance strength:
  - Proportional to the size of the betatron oscillation
  - When crossing an isolated intrinsic resonance, the larger the beam is, the more the polarization loss is

# Spin depolarization resonance in RHIC



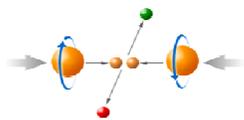


# Single resonance crossing

- Frossart-Stora formula

$$P_f = P_i \left( 2e^{-\frac{\pi |\varepsilon|^2}{\alpha}} - 1 \right)$$

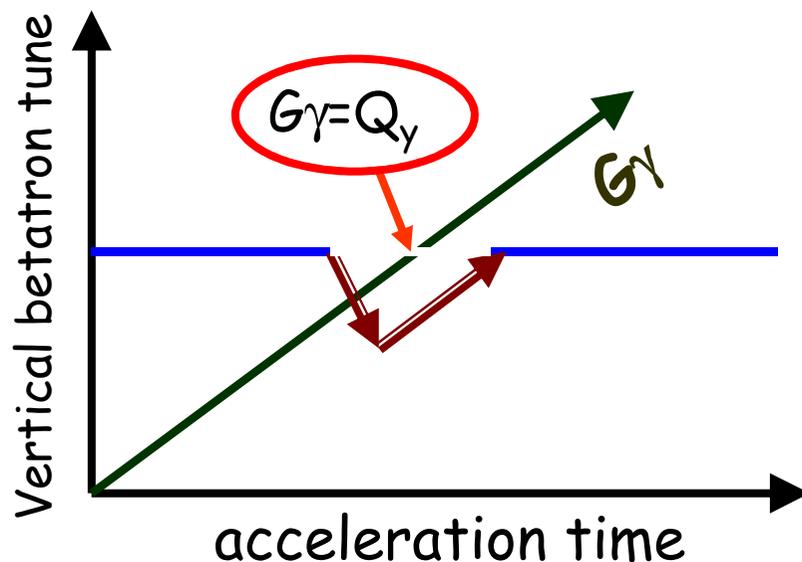
$\varepsilon$  is the strength of the resonance.  
 $\alpha$  is the speed of resonance crossing



# overcoming spin depolarizing resonances techniques

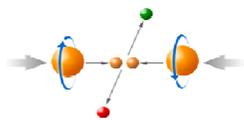
- **Harmonic orbit correction**
  - to minimize the closed orbit distortion at all imperfection resonances
  - Operationally difficult for high energy accelerators

- **Tune jump**



- *Operationally difficult because of the number of resonances*

- *Also induces emittance blowup because of the non-adiabatic beam manipulation*

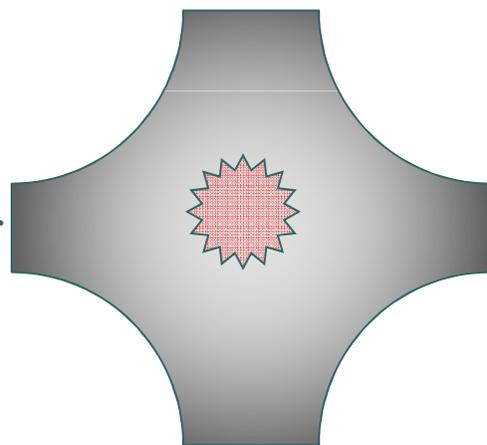


# overcoming spin depolarizing resonances techniques

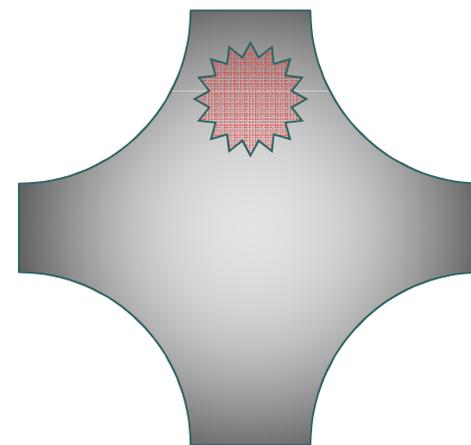
- **AC dipole**

- Induce full spin flip by using an AC dipole to adiabatically excite a coherent betatron oscillation with large amplitude

Quadrupole: horizontal  
Magnetic field linearly  
Proportional to the offset  
From magnet center

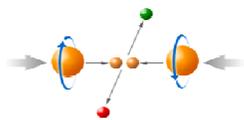


w.o. coherent oscillation



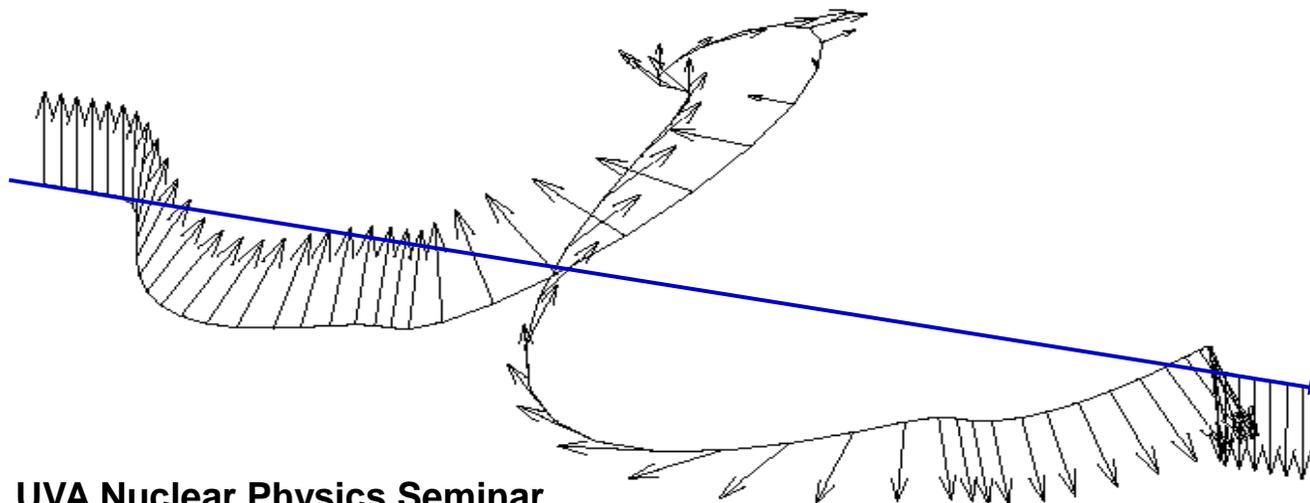
With coherent oscillation

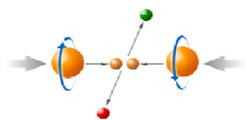
- ***Can only correct strong intrinsic spin resonances***



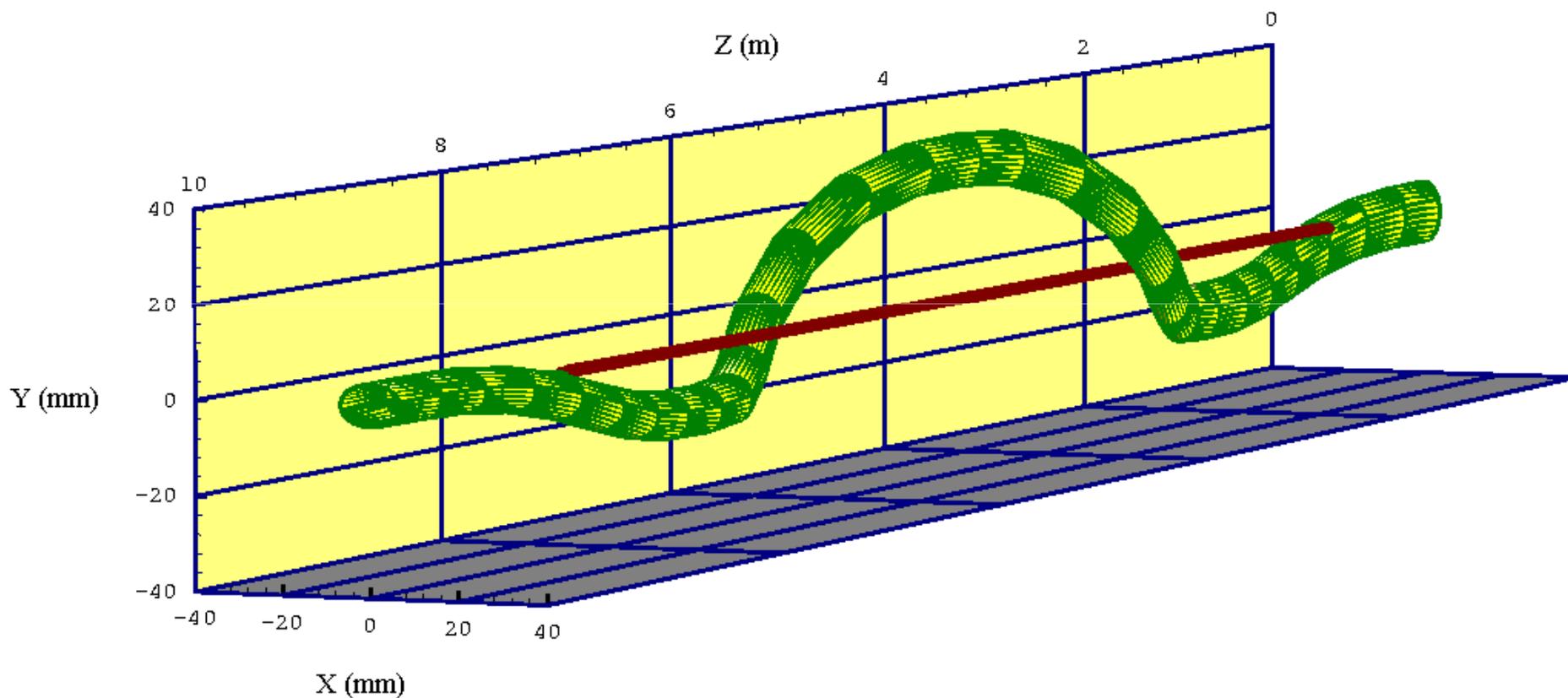
# Innovative polarized proton acceleration techniques: Siberian snake

- ❑ First invented by Derbenev and Kondratenko from Novosibirsk in 1970s [Polarization kinematics of particles in storage rings, Ya.S. Derbenev, A.M. Kondratenko (Novosibirsk, IYF) . Jun 1973. Published in Sov.Phys.JETP 37:968-973,1973, Zh.Eksp.Teor.Fiz.64:1918-1929,1973]
- ❑ A group of dipole magnets with alternating horizontal and vertical dipole field rotates spin vector by  $180^\circ$



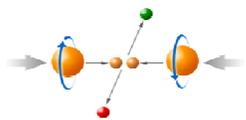


# Particle trajectory in a snake:



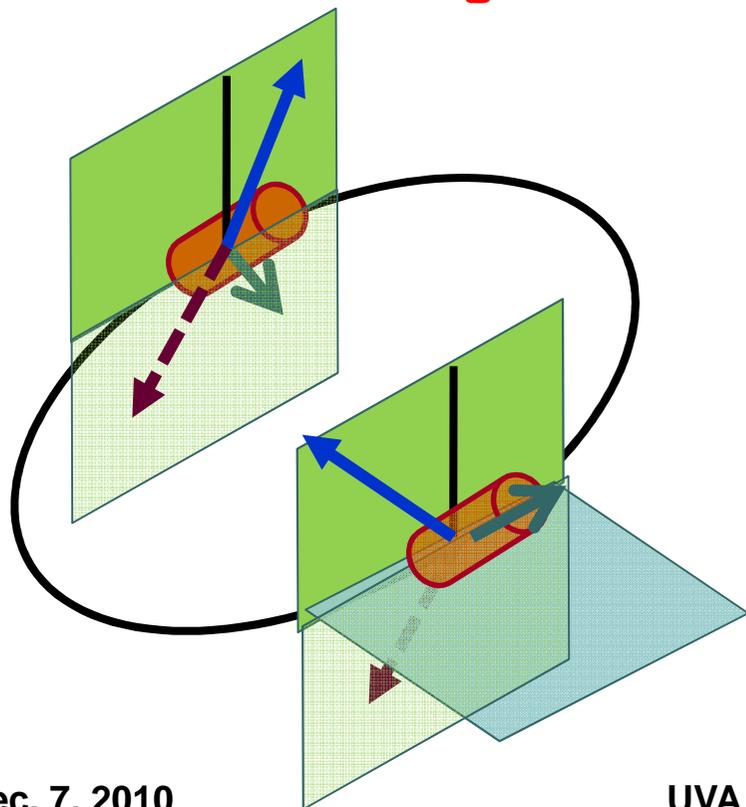
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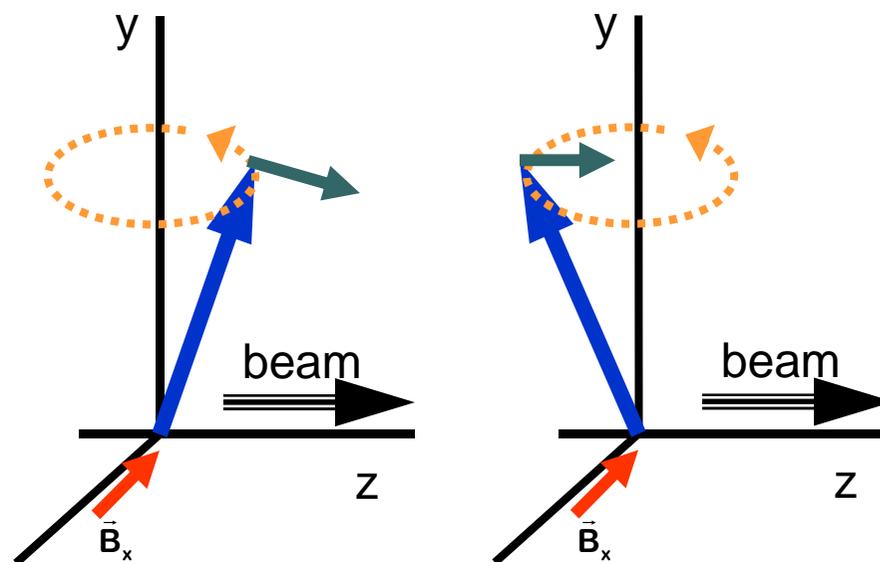


# How to preserve polarization using Siberian snake(s)

□ Use one or a group of snakes to make the spin tune to be at  $\frac{1}{2}$



□ Break the coherent build-up of the perturbations on the spin vector

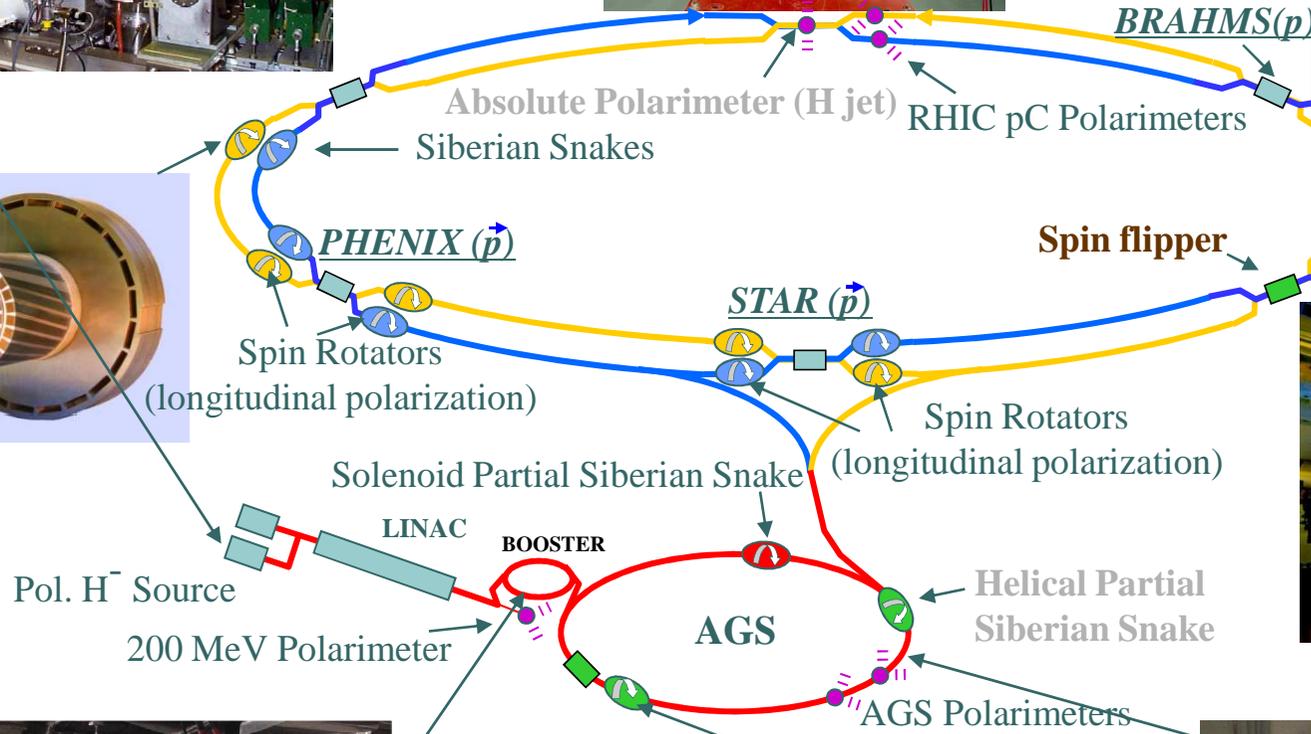
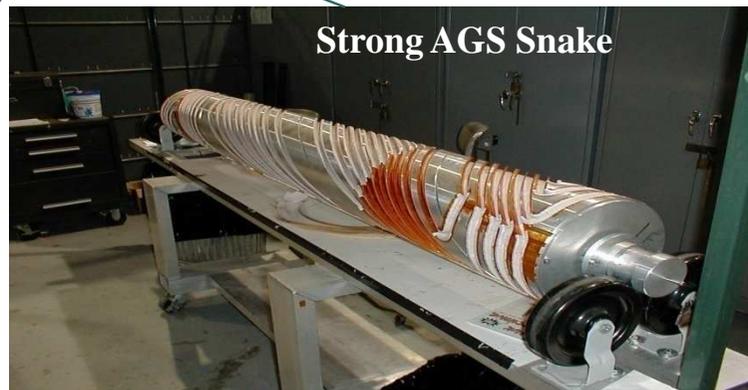
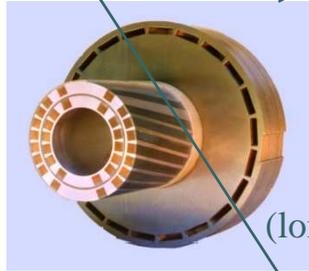
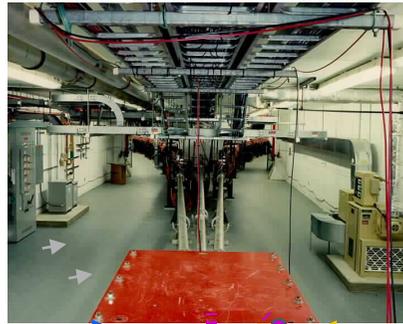


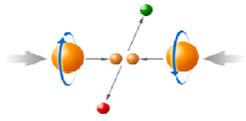
# Accelerate polarized protons in RHIC

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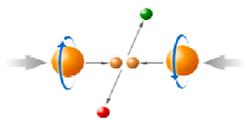




# Polarized proton setup in the Booster

## □ Booster

- Kinetic Energy: 200MeV ~ 1.42 GeV
- Intrinsic spin resonances are avoided by setting the vertical betatron tune above the spin precession tune at extraction
- A total of 2 imperfection resonances and they are corrected by the harmonic correction of the vertical closed orbit closed orbit

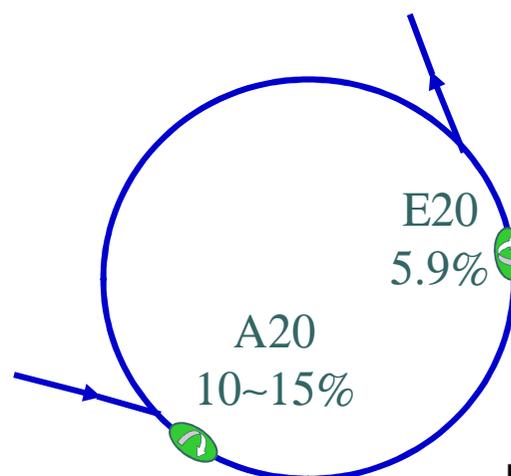


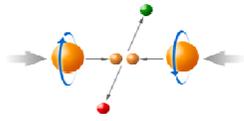
## Polarized proton setup in the AGS

### □ AGS (Alternating Gradient Synchrotron)

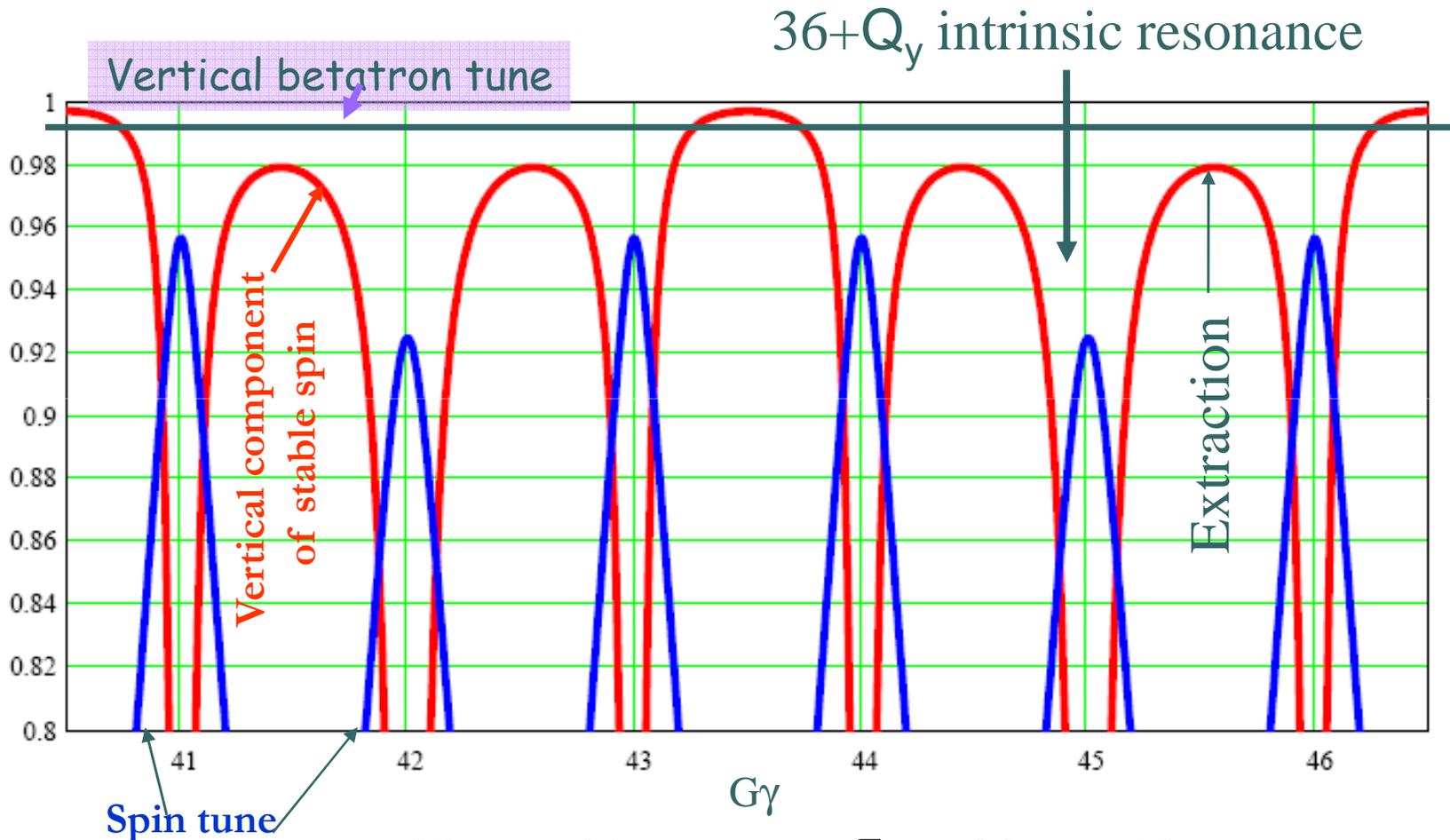
- Energy: 2.3 GeV ~ 23.8 GeV
- A total of 41 imperfection resonances and 7 intrinsic resonances from injection to extraction
  - One 5.9% partial snake plus one 10~15% partial snake

$$\cos \pi Q_s = \cos G\gamma \pi \cos \frac{\Psi_1}{2} \cos \frac{\Psi_2}{2} - \cos G\gamma \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\Psi_1}{2} \sin \frac{\Psi_2}{2}$$





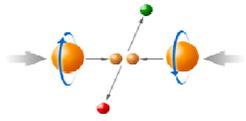
# Spin tune with two partial snakes



$$\cos \pi Q_s = \cos G\gamma \pi \cos \frac{\Psi_w}{2} \cos \frac{\Psi_c}{2} - \cos G\gamma \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\Psi_w}{2} \sin \frac{\Psi_c}{2}$$

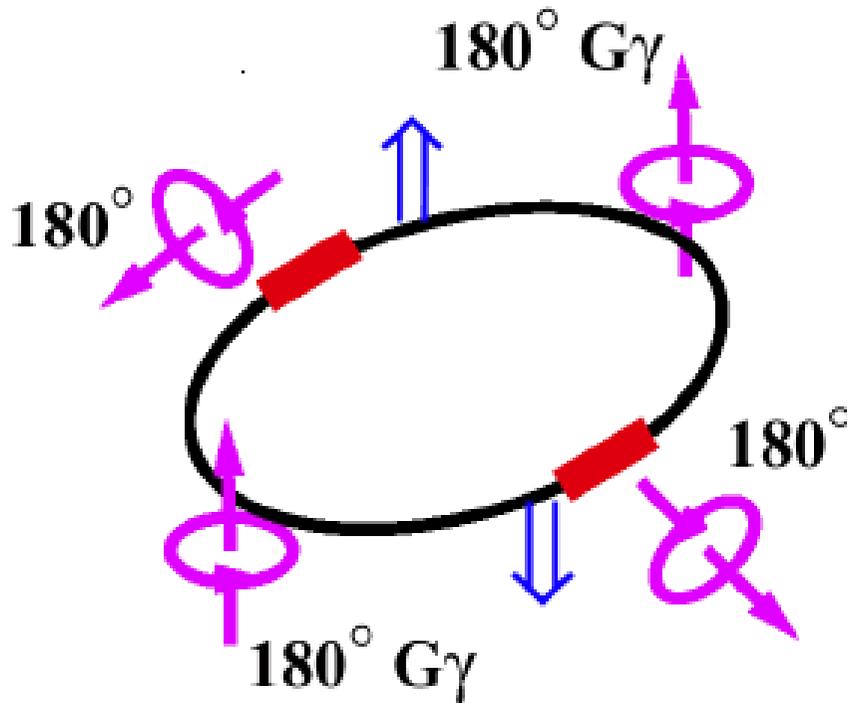
# AGS polarized proton development

	imperfection	intrinsic	Setup time	Energy GeV	Int [10 <sup>11</sup> ]	Pol [%]
1988	Harmonic correction	Fast tune jump	Months	21.7	0.108	42
1994	5% solenoid partial snake	Fast tune jump	2 weeks	23.0	0.05	31
1998	5% solenoid partial snake	AC dipole @ 3 strong intrinsic resonance	2 weeks	23.0	0.05	37
2000	New polarized H- source with high current high polarization					
2005	5% helical partial snake	AC dipole @ 4 strong intrinsic resonance	2 weeks	23.8	1.0	50
2005	5% helical partial snake +10% super-conducting helical partial snake		2 weeks	23.8	1.5	65



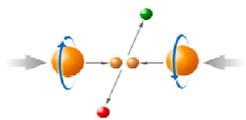
# Polarized proton acceleration setup in RHIC

- Energy: 23.8 GeV ~ 250 GeV (maximum store energy)
  - A total of 146 imperfection resonances and about 10 strong intrinsic resonances from injection to 100 GeV.
    - *Two full Siberian snakes*



$$Q_s = \frac{1}{\pi} |\varphi_1 - \varphi_2|$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_s = \frac{1}{2}$$



# snake depolarization resonance

## □ Condition

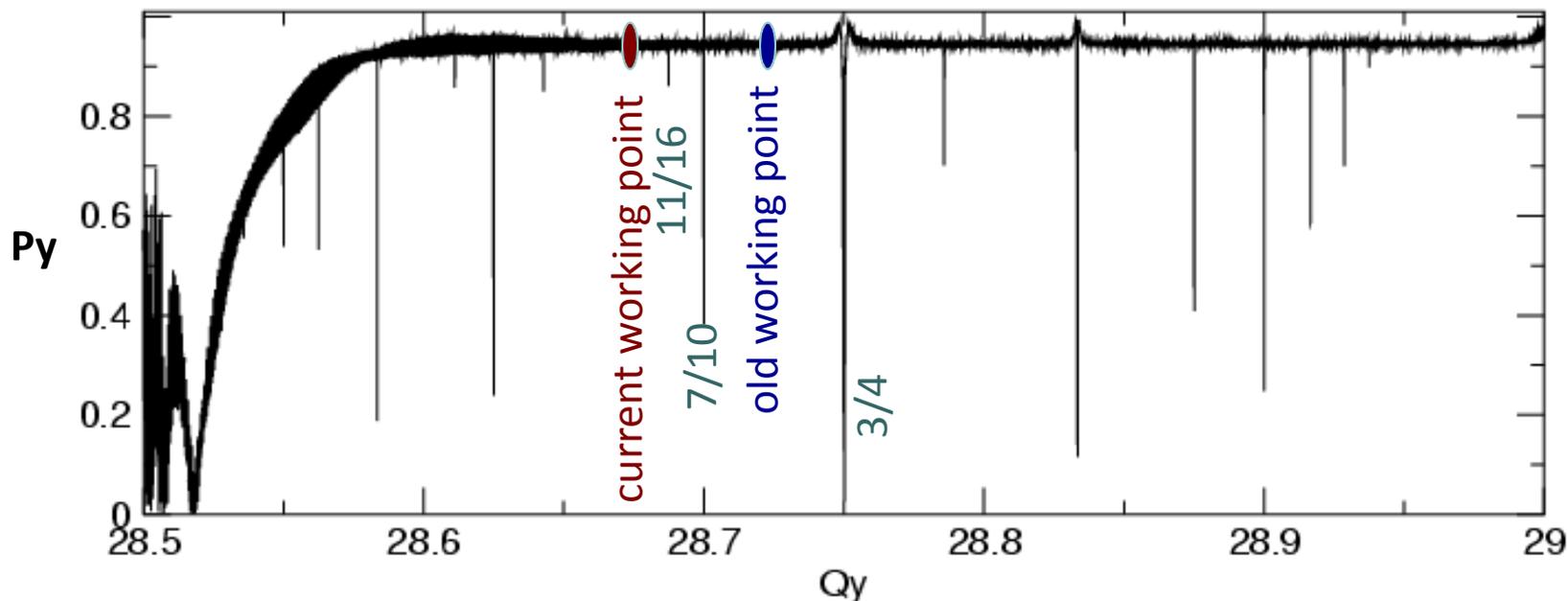
$$mQ_y = Q_s + k$$

## □ even order resonance

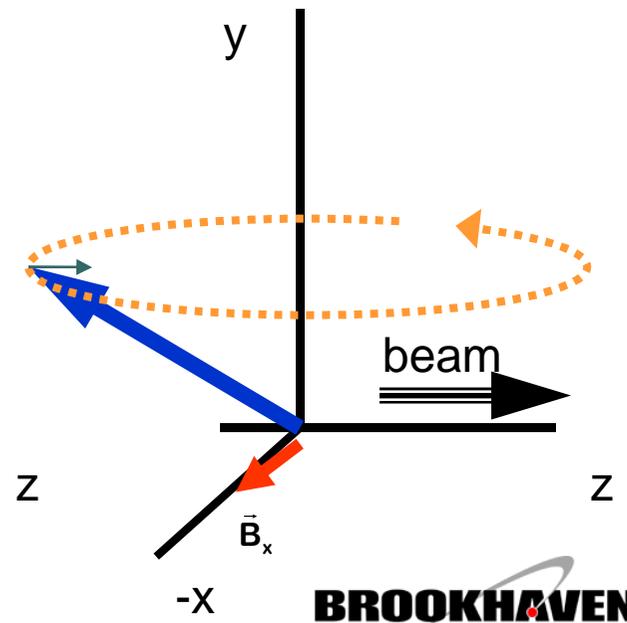
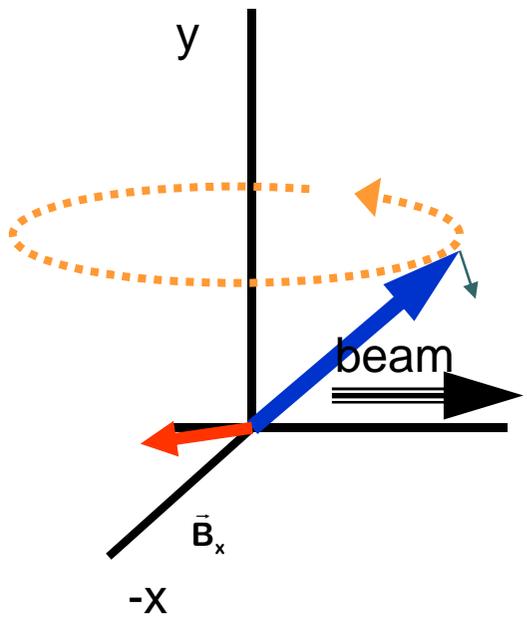
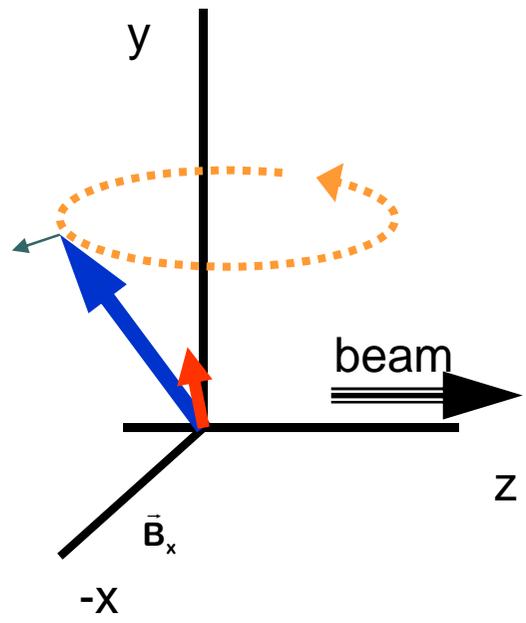
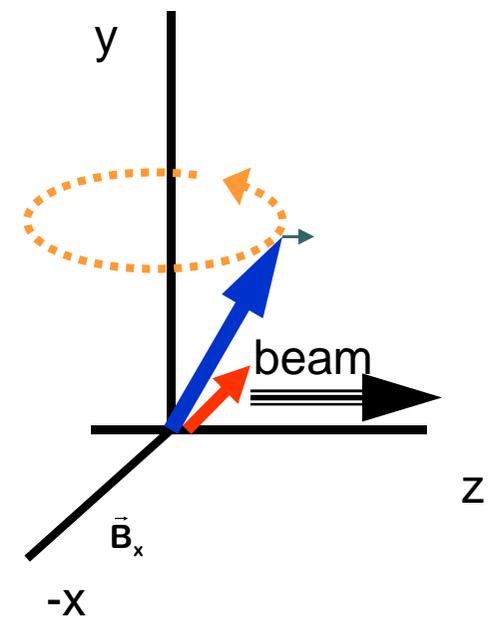
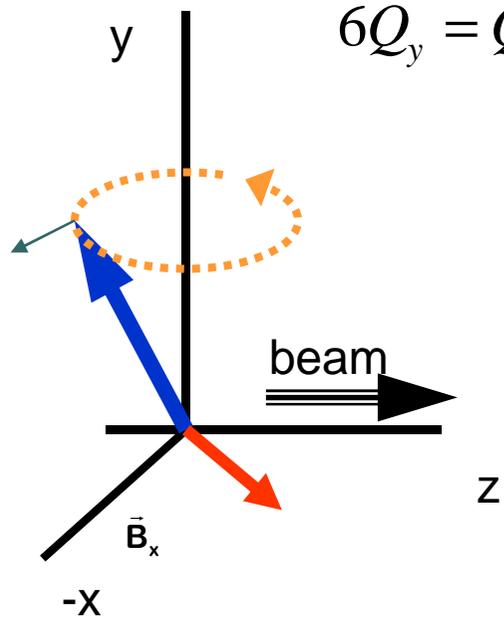
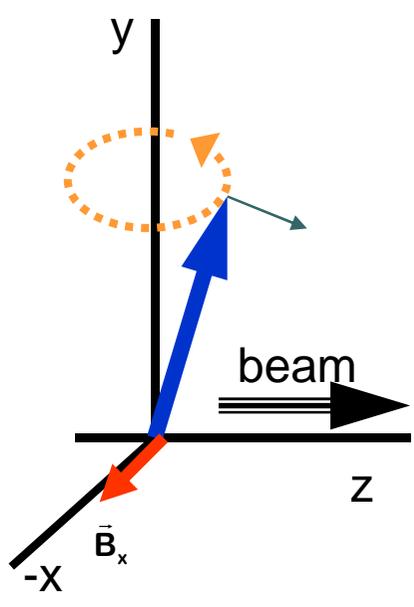
- Disappears in the two snake case like RHIC if the closed orbit is perfect

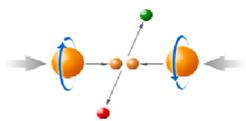
## □ odd order resonance

- Driven by the intrinsic spin resonances



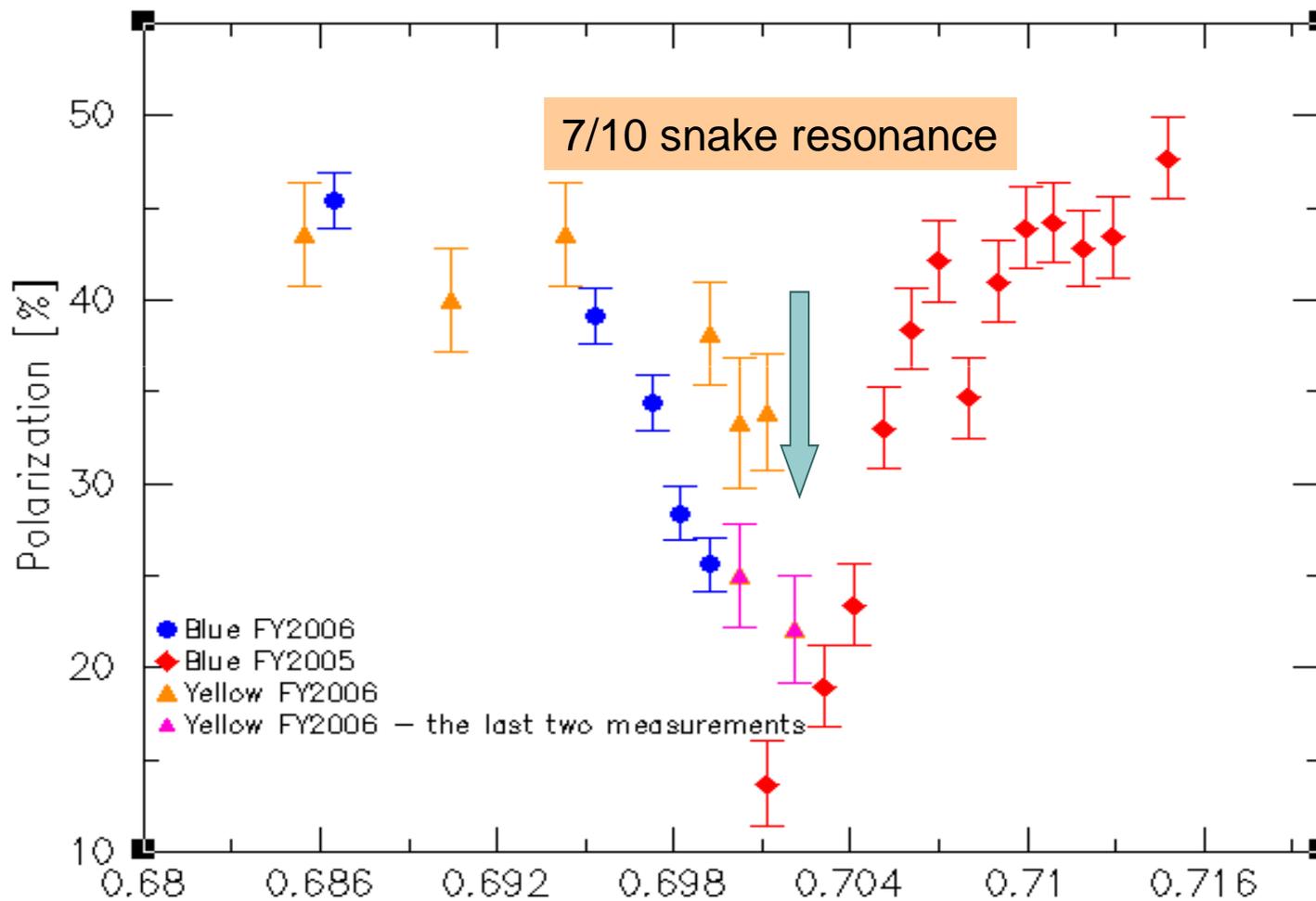
$$6Q_y = Q_s + k$$





# Snake resonance observed in RHIC

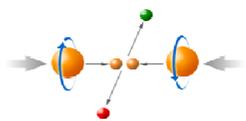
Polarization Tune Scan @  $G\gamma=63$



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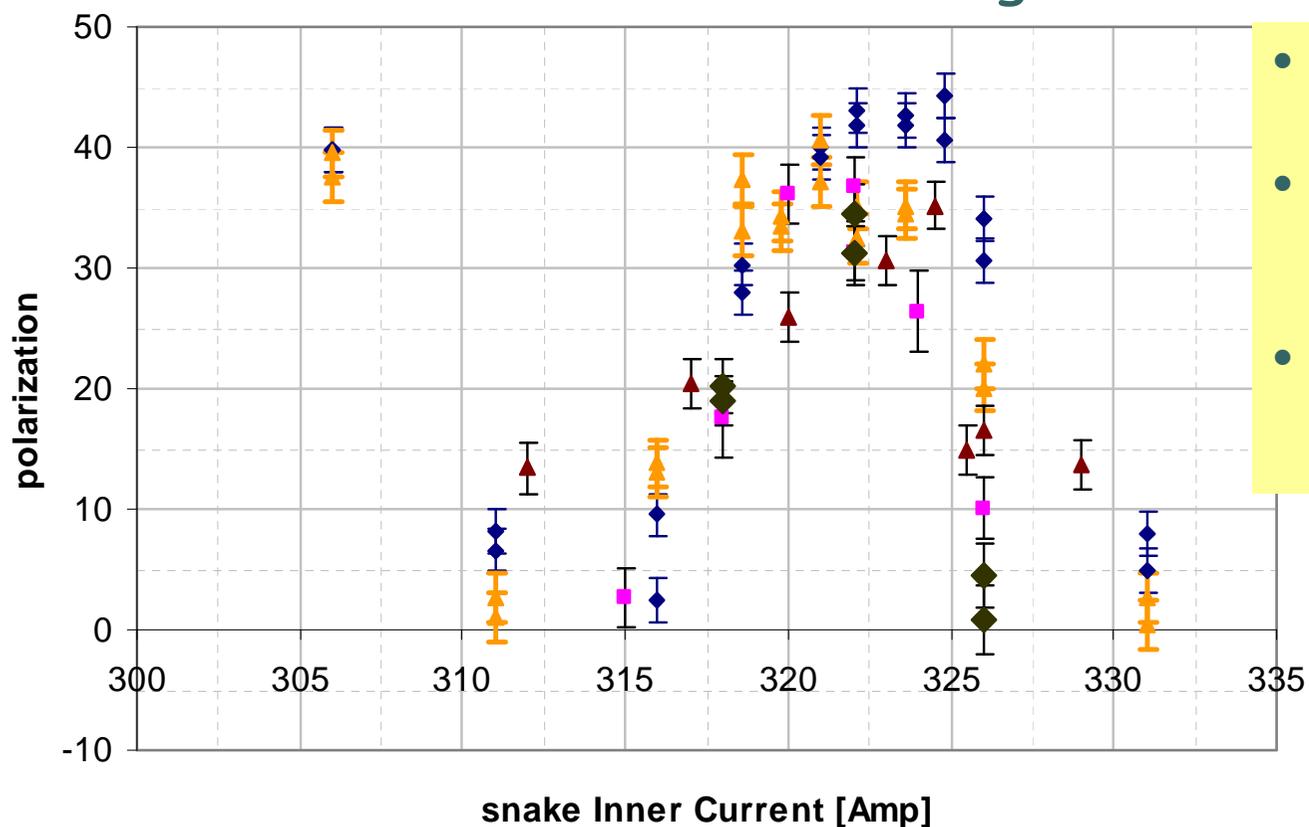
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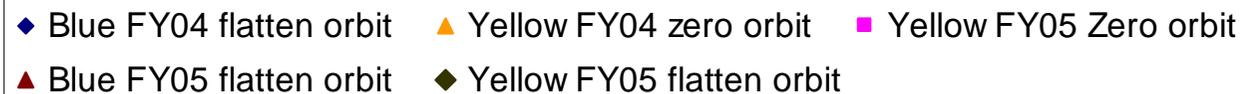


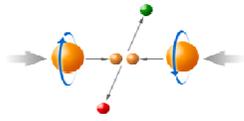
# How to avoid a snake resonance

- Keep the spin tune as close to  $\frac{1}{2}$  as possible
  - snake current setting



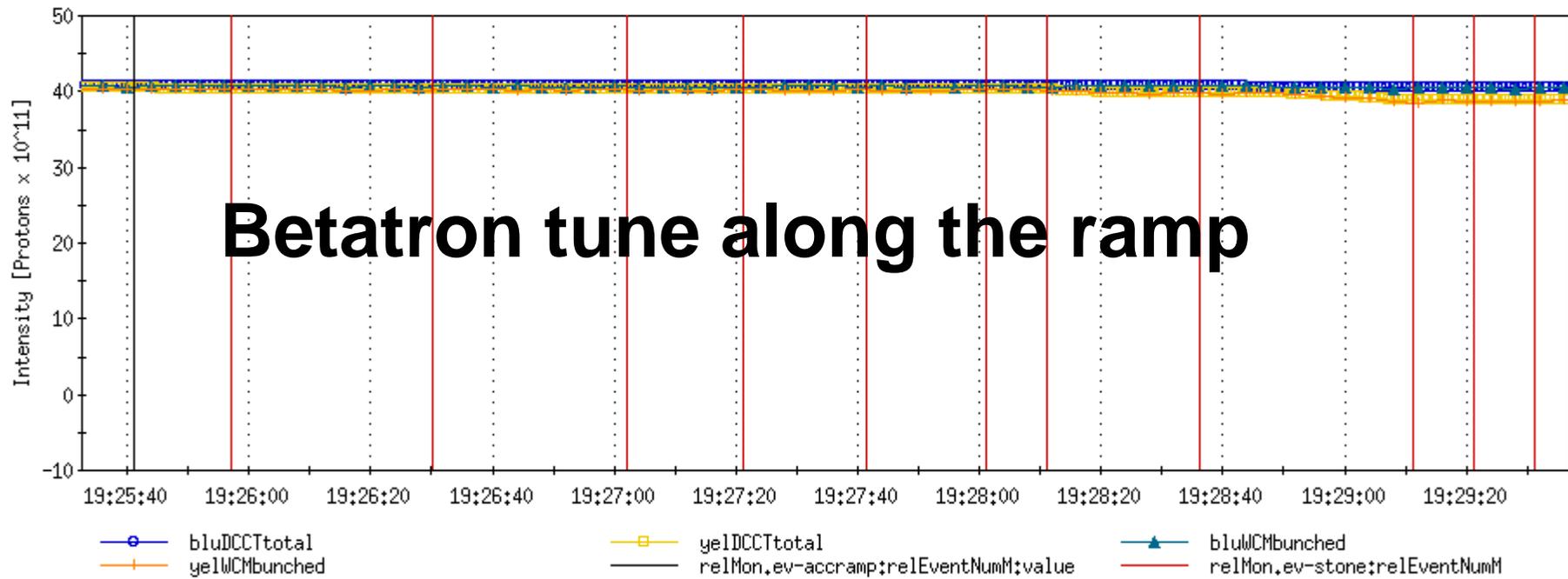
- set the vertical tune to 0.745
- measure the beam polarization with different snake current
- expect no depolarization if the corresponding spin tune is very close to 0.5



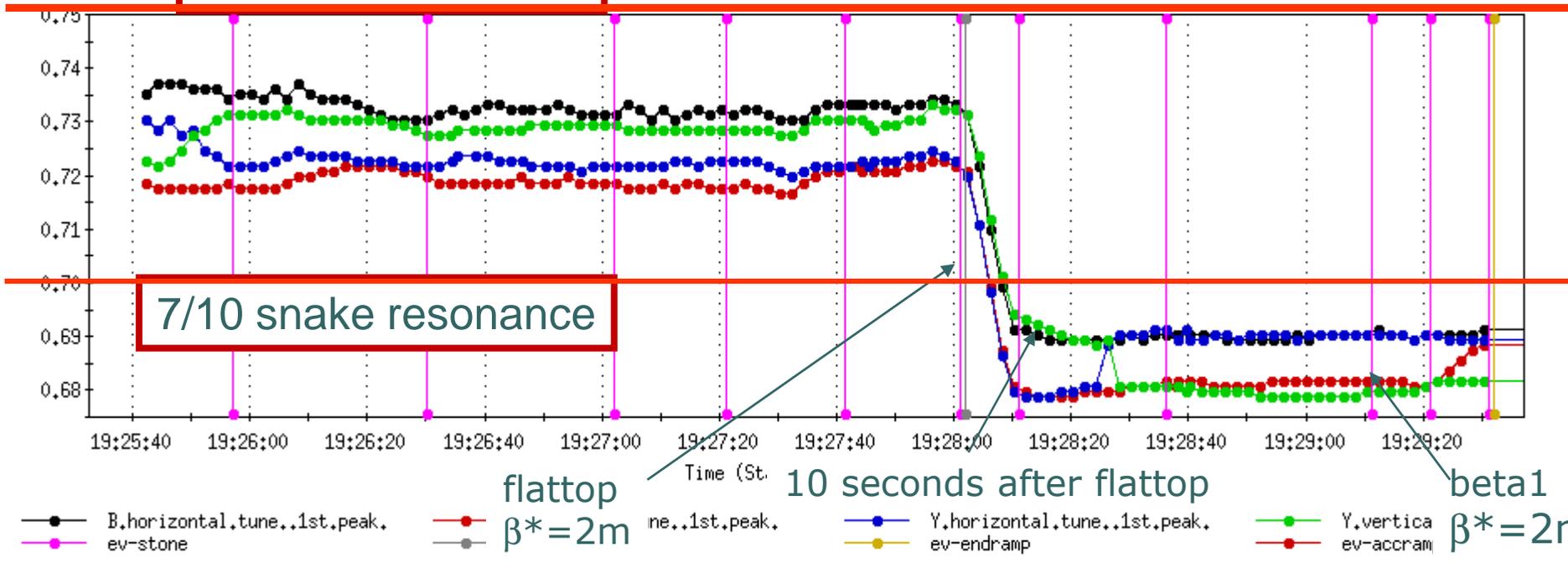


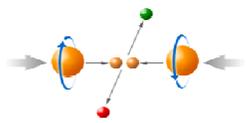
# How to avoid a snake resonance

- Keep the spin tune as close to  $\frac{1}{2}$  as possible
  - snake current setting
  - Keep the horizontal orbit at the two snakes parallel
- Keep the vertical closed orbit as flat as possible
  - orbit control
- Keep the betatron tunes away from snake resonance locations
  - Precise tune control



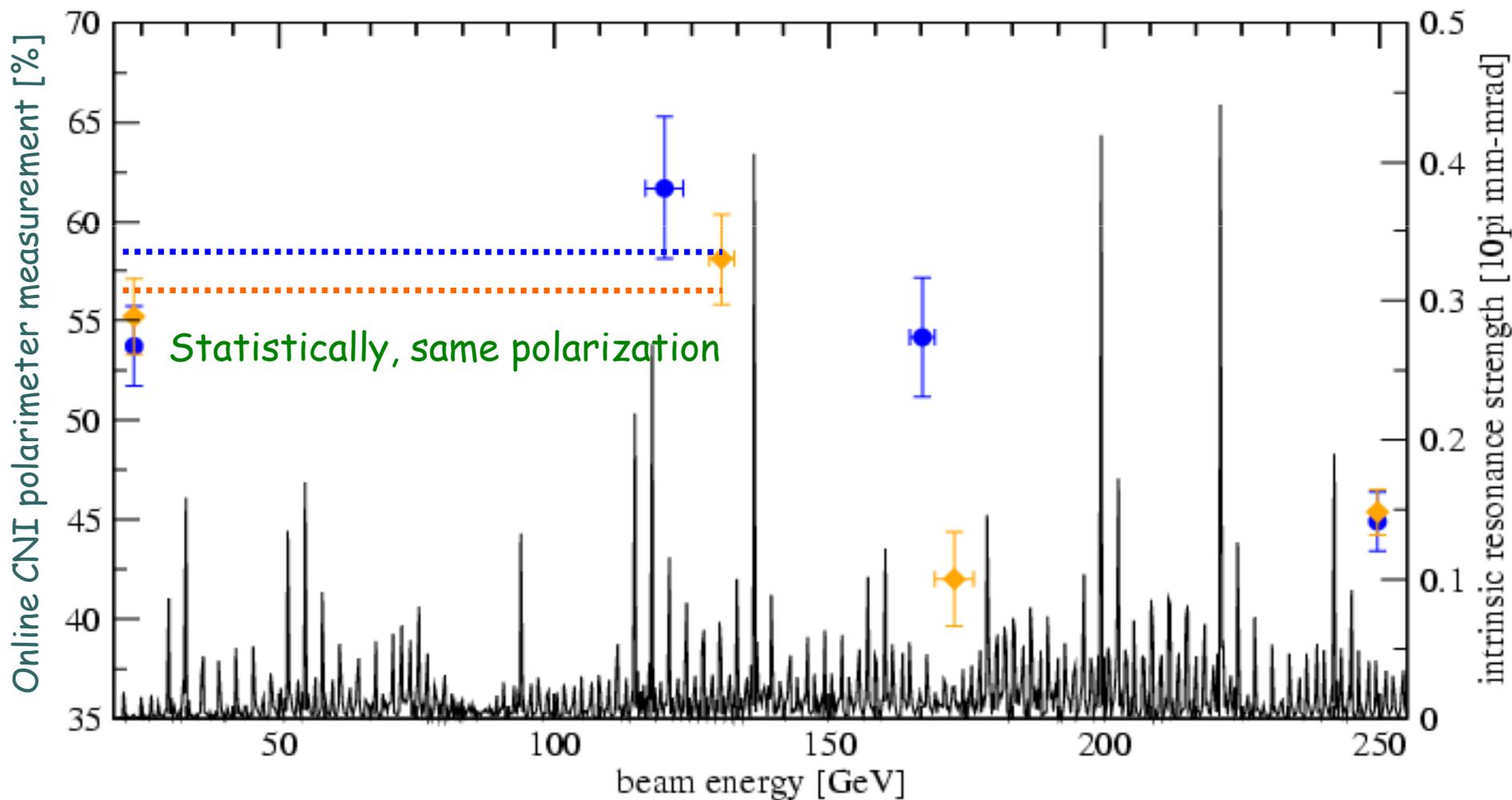
**3/4 snake resonance**

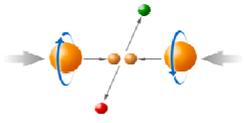




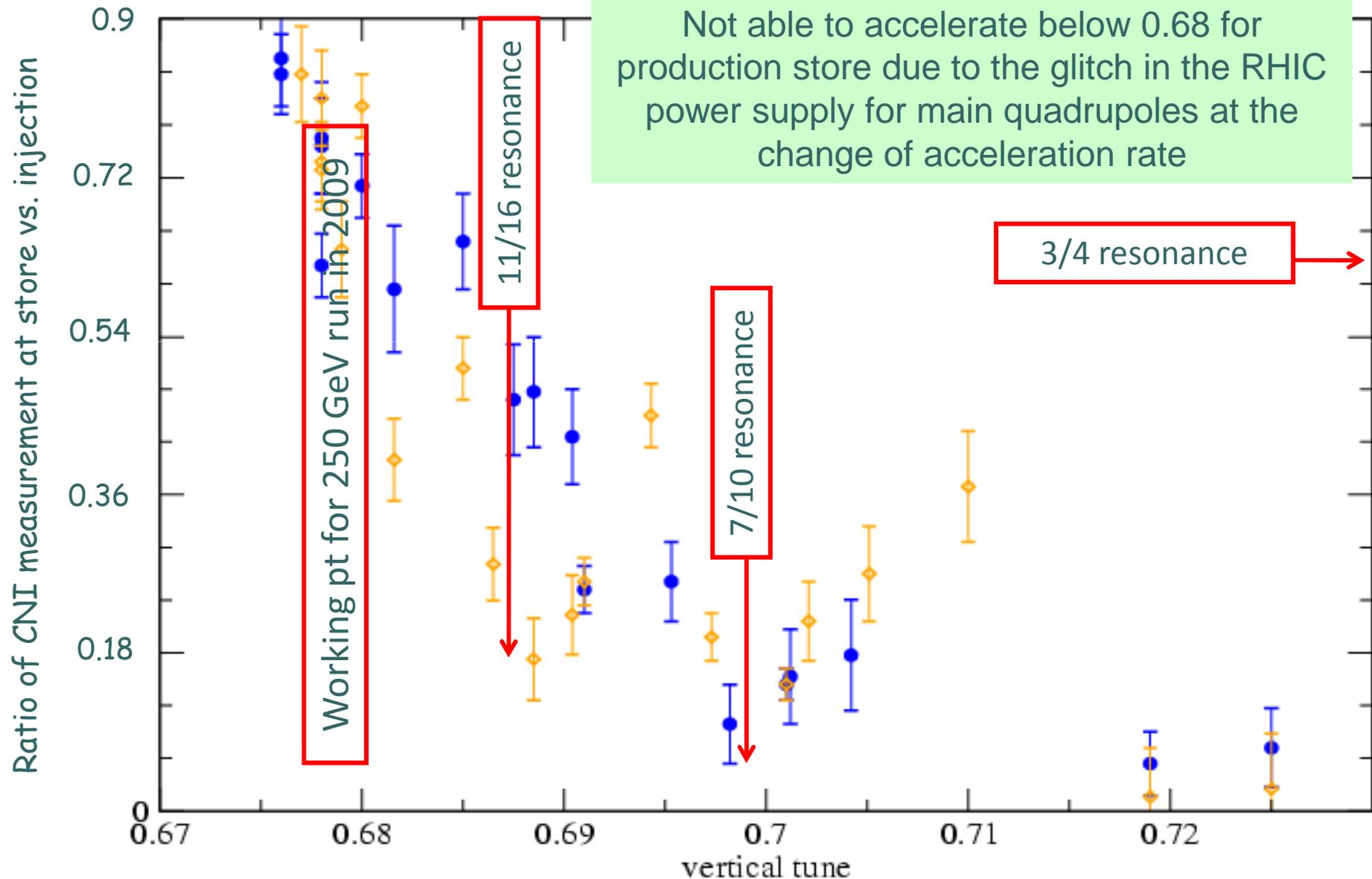
# RHIC Polarization vs. Beam Energy

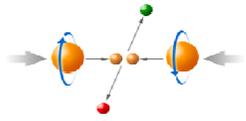
- 100 GeV and above measurements use analyzing power calibrated at 100 GeV using H Jet polarimeter
- Estimated systematic error of analyzing power is ~10%





# Measured Snake Resonance Spectrum





# Reach polarization of 70% or higher

## ○ RHIC:

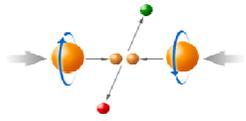
- accelerate close to 0.675 between 100 GeV and 250 GeV
- Tighter control of local orbit at rotators during store
- CNI polarimeter improvement

## ○ AGS:

- Horizontal tune jump quad to avoid polarization losses at horizontal resonances

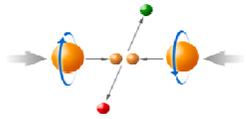
## ○ Source:

- Upgrade to achieve ~90% polarization



# Summary

- ❑ High energy polarized protons are desirable for unveiling the secret of the proton spin structure
- ❑ Accelerating polarized protons in a circular accelerator is challenged by the depolarizing mechanisms during the acceleration
- ❑ The great invention of Siberian snake made it possible for preserving polarization when accelerating protons to high energy
- ❑ RHIC as the world's first high energy polarized proton collider has been successfully accelerating polarized protons up to 100 GeV with no polarization loss
- ❑ With the new tune to avoid snake resonance, it is promising to preserve 90% or higher polarization up to 250 GeV in the coming RHIC pp run



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