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RADIATION DAMAGE IN AN ETHYLAMINE-BORANE-AMMONIA TARGET

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In the course of an experiment at the Brookhaven AGS to measure A_{NN} in pp elastic scattering at 16 GeV/c, we have subjected a polarized target of ethylamine (85 wt.%) + borane-ammonia (15 wt.%) + EHBA-Cr^V ($4 \times 10^{19}/\text{ml}$) to an integrated beam flux of $\sim 10^{14}/\text{cm}^2$. The target beads were prepared¹ at Argonne and shipped at LN₂ temperature to BNL. The ³He refrigerator services a target of $\sim 25 \text{ cm}^3$ volume, at 2.5T.

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Two separate bead loads were used. The first load was polarized at a refrigerant temperature of $\sim 0.49\text{K}$ with a mixture of ³He/⁴He as refrigerant, with the results:

$$P = + 75\%, -73\%$$

$$\Delta\nu_e = 0.36 \text{ GHz} .$$

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The second load was initially run with the $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mixture, and later run at $\sim 0.47\text{K}$ with pure ^3He as the refrigerant; it gave initial polarizations of

$$P = + 74\%, -71\% .$$

Frequency modulation of the microwaves was not used in either case. The second load was used for the rest of the results presented here.

Figure 1 shows the evolution of the polarization as a function of irradiation. The break in the curves coincides with the change of refrigerant. The effective cross-sectional area of the target is $\sim 3.1 \text{ cm}^2$; the values on the abscissa should be divided by this number in order to estimate the flux. The slopes of the lines correspond to

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_0(+)&= 7 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^2 \\ \phi_0(-)&= 3.5 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^2.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the radiation tolerance of this material seems to be roughly comparable to that of butanol-porphyrin, and well below that of irradiated NH_3 .

Figure 2 shows polarization build-up curves at different levels of irradiation. Curves (a) correspond to $\sim 1.1 \times 10^{14}$ total protons, and curves (b) to $\sim 3.1 \times 10^{14}$ total protons. We obtain $\tau_{.7}(+) = 20 \text{ min.}$, $\tau_{.7}(-) = 14 \text{ min.}$ at either level of dose. These build-up times are substantially shorter than those that we have been able to attain thus far in irradiated NH_3 .

REFERENCES

1. See D. Hill, J. Hill, and M. Krumpolc, elsewhere in this Workshop.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

1. Evolution of the maximum polarization vs. dose. The crosses are for positive enhancement and the open circles, negative. The lines are drawn by eye.
2. Polarization build-up for two doses (a) $\sim 1.1 \times 10^{14}$ total protons, (b) $\sim 3.1 \times 10^{14}$ total protons. The microwave power applied is \sim twice optimum.

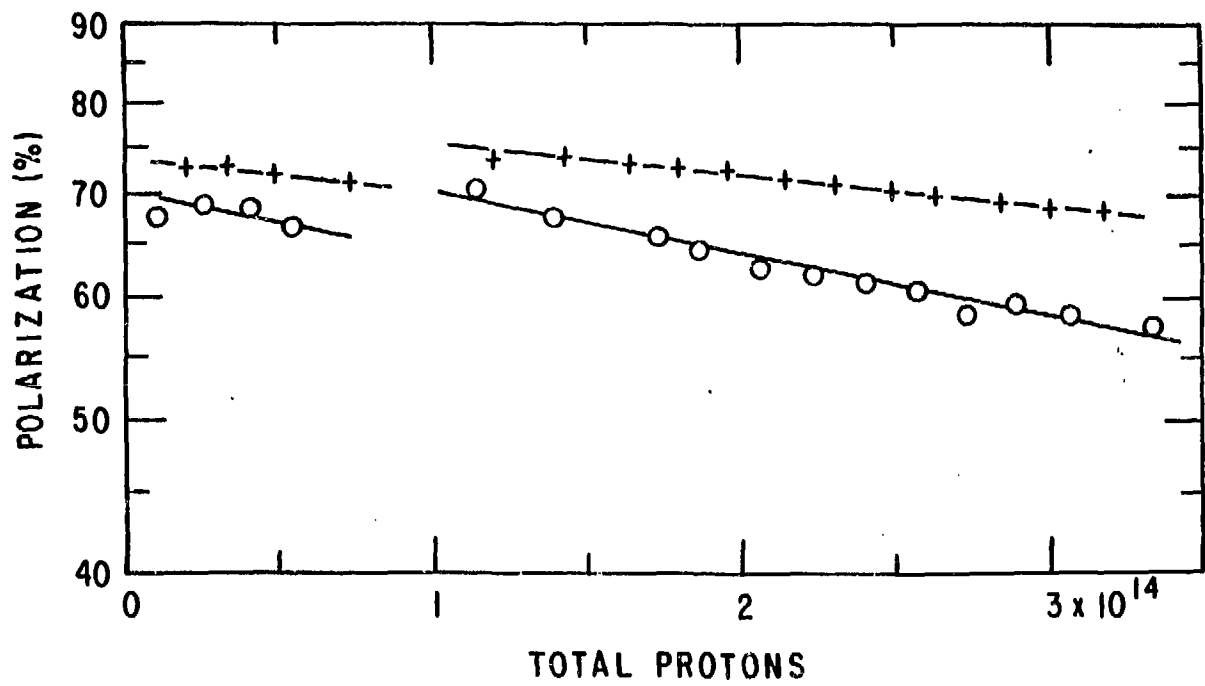


Figure 1

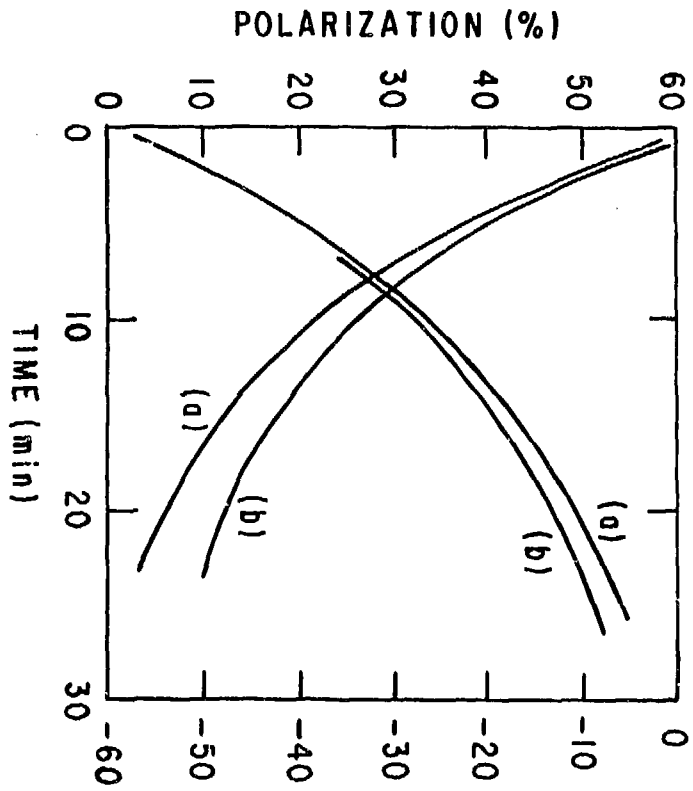


Figure 2