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実験課題番号 Project No. 2012P0801 実験課題名 Title of experiment Development and application of on-beam SEOP based $^3\text{He}$ spin filter at BL10 実験責任者名 Name of principal investigator Takayuki OKU 所属 Affiliation J-PARC Center	装置責任者 Name of responsible person Kenichi OIKAWA 装置名 Name of Instrument/(BL No.) NOBORU / BL10 利用期間 Dates of experiments 2012.10.20 21:00 – 2012.10.24 9:00 2012.11.22 21:00 – 2012.11.24 21:00 2013.02.14 09:00 – 2013.02.16 21:00

1. 研究成果概要(試料の名称、組成、物理的・化学的性状を明記するとともに、実験方法、利用の結果得られた主なデータ、考察、結論、図表等を記述してください。

Outline of experimental results (experimental method and results should be reported including sample information such as composition, physical and/or chemical characteristics.

For expanding measurable neutron energy region up to epithermal neutrons in polarized neutron experiments [1], we developed the portable Polarized  $^3\text{He}$  Spin Flipper (PHSF), constructed a neutron spin analysis system with the developed PHSFs at the BL10, carried out its feasibility test, and attempted to visualize a magnetic field generated by a Rectangular Coil (RC). Fig. 1 shows the experimental setup at the BL10. The portable PHSF consisted of a cylindrical glass cell filled with  $^3\text{He}$  gas which was installed in an oven, and a Solenoid Coil (SC) of 20 cm in diameter and 30 cm long for holding the  $^3\text{He}$  polarization. They were brought into the beam line after polarizing  $^3\text{He}$  gas sufficiently by our SEOP system. In Fig. 1, pulsed neutron beams from the spallation neutron source transmitted along the  $z$  axis through a PHSF-1 for polarizing neutrons, a sample area, a PHSF-2 for analyzing neutron spins, and were counted by a 2D-PSND consisting of a neutron scintillator and photomultiplier tube. In attempting to visualize the magnetic field, the RC of  $50 \times 5 \times 18\text{mm}^3$  size are placed at the sample area so as to apply the magnetic field  $H_R$  of the RC along to the  $x$  axis. The cells containing  $^3\text{He}$  gases of 17 and 11 atm-cm thicknesses were installed in the PHSF-1 and the PHSF-2. The  $^3\text{He}$  spin polarizations  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  of the PHSF-1 and PHSF-2 were monitored by the NMR signal  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

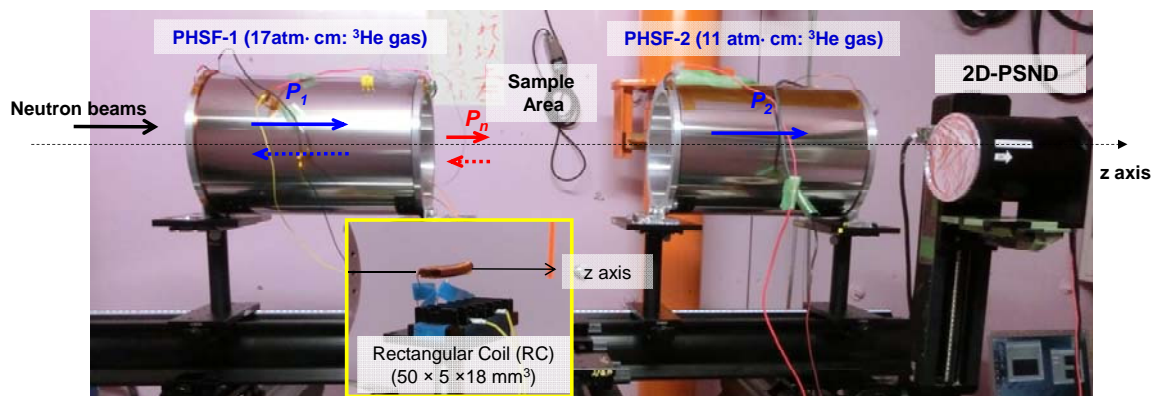


Figure 1 Experimental Setup with the developed PHSFs at the BL10

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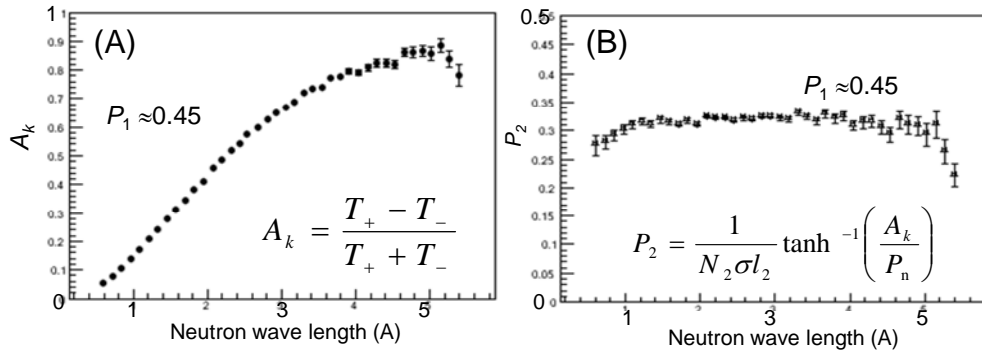


Figure 2 (A)  $A_k$  as a function of neutron wave length  $\lambda$  without the RC.  
 (B)  $P_2$  deduced by substituting the  $A_k$  and  $P_1 \approx 0.45$  for Eq. (1)

The spin analyzing ability in Fig. 1 was evaluated by measuring a neutron spin asymmetry defined as

$$A_k = (T_+ - T_-) / (T_+ + T_-) = P_n \tanh(N_2 \sigma l_2 P_2), \quad (1)$$

where  $T_+$  ( $T_-$ ) denote the neutron transmittance with its spin  $s$  parallel (antiparallel) to the  $^3\text{He}$  nuclear spin  $I_1$  of the PHSF-1,  $\sigma$  is a neutron absorption cross section of  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $N_2$  and  $l_2$  are a number density and thickness of the PHSF-2. The  $P_n$  is the neutron polarization after passing through the PHSF-1 which can be determined by the  $P_1$ . Fig. 2 (A) represents the  $A_k$  as a function of neutron wave length  $\lambda$  without the RC. Fig. 2 (B) represents the  $P_2$  deduced by substituting the  $A_k$  in Fig. 2 (A) and  $P_1 \approx 0.45$  obtained from the NMR signal  $V_1$  for Eq. (1). The  $P_2$  is almost constant as expected, but it decreases more than  $\lambda > 5 \text{ \AA}$  by the background with decreasing neutron transmittance. While the  $A_k$  with the RC is redefined as

$$A'_k = (T_+ - T_-) / (T_+ + T_-) = P_n \tanh(N_2 \sigma l_2 P_2) \sin(\gamma_n H_R t), \quad (2)$$

where  $\gamma_n$  and  $t$  is a neutron gyromagnetic ratio and a time of the  $s$  rotation around the  $H_R$  direction which is named a Larmor precession. Fig. 3(A) and (C) represent neutron 2D images measured around the  $\lambda \approx 2.7 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\lambda \approx 3.6 \text{ \AA}$ , where the beam cross section is about  $10 \times 15 \text{ mm}^2$  and the neutron transmittance is  $T_+$ . Fig. 3(B) and (D) denote the projection components of  $T_+$  in Fig. 3 (A) and (C) to the  $y$  axes. The areas enclosed by broken lines in Fig. 3 (A) and (C) denote inner parts of the RC where the  $H_R$  is applied along to the  $x$  axis. Difference between the  $T_+$  in the inner part of the RC in Fig. 3 (B) and that in Fig. 3 (D) suggests to measure the  $s$  rotation effects based on the  $A'_k$ . Fig. 4 (A), (B) and (C) represent the  $T_+$ ,  $T_-$  and  $A'_k$  as a function of  $\lambda$  at the inner part of the RC. In Fig. 4 (A) and (B), the  $T_+$  and  $T_-$  are divided by the neutron transmittance without the RC. From the  $A'_k$  in Fig. 4 (C), the value of  $1.8 \text{ \AA/turn}$  can be obtained as the  $s$  rotation period. Its value corresponds to  $H_R \approx 4.2 \text{ mTesla}$  in Eq. (2), and it is consistent with the  $H_R$  measured by a magnetic sensor directly.

These preliminary results suggest that our apparatus has the sufficient spin analyzing ability and can visualize the magnetic field with the  $\lambda$  range from 0.5 to 5  $\text{ \AA}$ . The measurable  $\lambda$  range will be expanded to both sides of the lower and upper by keeping the  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  highly and stable.

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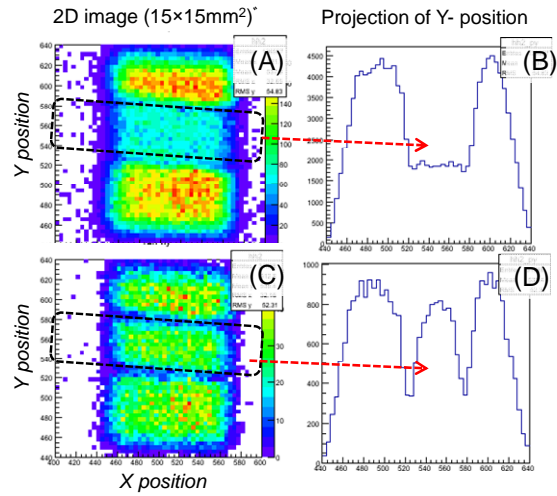


Figure 3 (A) Neutron 2D image around the  $\lambda \approx 2.7 \text{ \AA}$ , (B) Projection of the  $T_+$  to the y axis in Fig. (A), (C) Neutron 2D image around the  $\lambda \approx 3.6 \text{ \AA}$ , (D) Projection of the  $T_+$  to the y axis in Fig. (C).

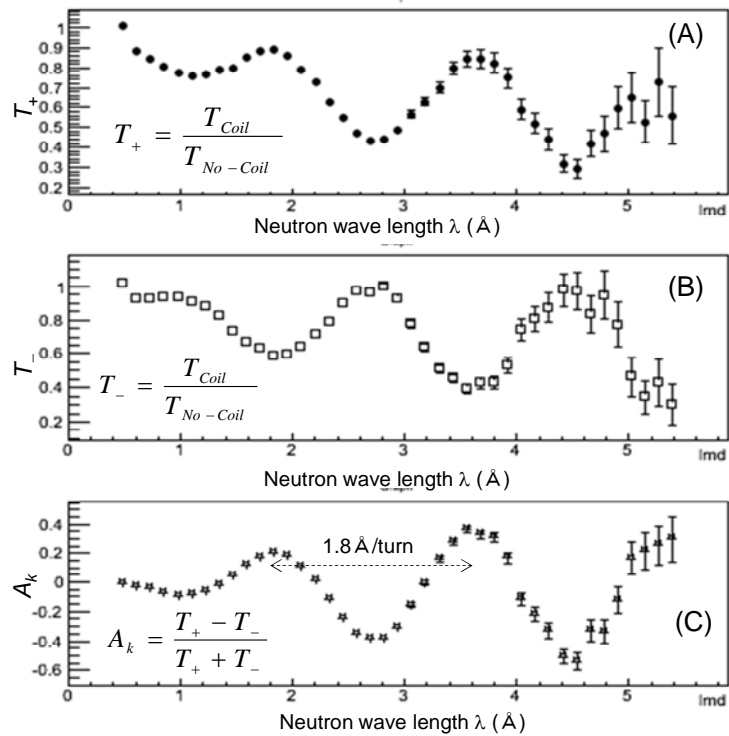


Figure 4 (A)  $T_+$  in the RC as the function of  $\lambda$ , (B)  $T_-$  in the RC as the function of  $\lambda$ , (C)  $A_k$  in the RC as a function of  $\lambda$

[1] K. Sakai, J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. **340**, 012037 (2012)

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