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RW McAllister, R Hofstadter, Phys.Rev. 102 851 (1956)

Probing the Tensor Force with Tensor Polarization

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What is Tensor Polarization?



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Final State Interactions

FSI must be understood & minimized to get *NN* potential information

Minimum/maximum FSI on A_{zz} calculated by W. Cosyn^[1]

FSIs minimized in kinematic choice (large $x \ge 1.35$ and medium p_m)

 Best suited for attempting to extract information on *D*-wave content^[2]



^[2] S Jeschonnek, JW Van Orden, arXiv:1606.04072 (2016)

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So, How Much Longer?

• Results from UVA are promising, preliminary $P_{zz} > 30\%$ recently achieved on butanol. ND3 in progress.



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213

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mmWave Power (mW)

300

400







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