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## Optically Pumped Polarized ${}^3\text{He}^{++}$ Ion Source Development for RHIC/EIC

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The proposed polarized  ${}^3\text{He}^{++}$  acceleration in RHIC and the future Electron-Ion Collider will require about  $2 \times 10^{11}$  ions in the source pulse. A new technique had been proposed for production of high intensity polarized  ${}^3\text{He}^{++}$  ion beams. It is based on ionization and accumulation of the  ${}^3\text{He}$  gas (polarized by metastability-exchange optical pumping and in the 5 T high magnetic field) after upgrade to Extended (EBIS) Electron Beam Ion Source. A novel  ${}^3\text{He}$  cryogenic purification and storage technique was developed to provide the required gas purity. An original gas refill and polarized  ${}^3\text{He}$  gas injection to the EBIS long drift tubes, (which serves as the storage cell) were developed to ensure polarization preservation. An infrared laser system for optical pumping and polarization measurements in the high 3–5 T field has been developed. The  ${}^3\text{He}$  polarization 80–85% (and sufficiently long ~30 min relaxation time) was obtained in the "open" cell configuration with refilling valve tube inlet and isolation valve closed. The Extended EBIS should also increase un-polarized multiply charged heavy ion production from helium to uranium. A proposal for  ${}^3\text{He}^{++}$  (and multiple charged heavy ions) for NICA collider will be also discussed.

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