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Measurement of ³He analyzing power for $p-^{3}$ He scattering using the polarized ³He target

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The three-nucleon force (3NF) is essentially important to clarify various nuclear phenomena, such as the binding energy of light mass nuclei [1], the equation of state of nuclear matter [2] and few-nucleon scattering systems [3]. The isospin T = 3/2 components of the 3NF also play an important role in many-nucleon systems especially for neutron-rich nuclei as well as neutron matter properties. The $p-{}^{3}$ He scattering is one of the simplest prove for studying the T = 3/2 components of the 3NF. With the aim of exploring the properties of the 3NF we are planning the measurement of 3 He analyzing power for $p-{}^{3}$ He scattering with the polarized 3 He target at intermediate energies ($E/A \ge 65$ MeV). Polarized 3 He was produced by the alkali-hybrid spin-exchange optical pumping method. To measure the 3 He polarization and control 3 He spin directions, we used the adiabatic fast passage-NMR method. We obtained the absolute value of the 3 He polarization and calibrated the NMR signal by the electron spin resonance measurement of Rb. The maximum 3 He polarization was ~ 50 % in our system.

Using the polarized ³He target, we performed the measurement of ³He analyzing power at CYRIC ($E_p = 70 \text{ MeV}$) and RCNP ($E_p = 100 \text{ MeV}$) in Japan. Measured angles were $\theta_{\text{lab.}} = 35^{\circ} - 125^{\circ}$ ($\theta_{\text{c.m.}} = 46^{\circ} - 141^{\circ}$) at CYRIC and $\theta_{\text{lab.}} = 35^{\circ} - 135^{\circ}$ ($\theta_{\text{c.m.}} = 47^{\circ} - 149^{\circ}$) at RCNP respectively. Proton beams were injected to the target, and scattered protons were detected by using $E - \Delta E$ detectors which consisted of plastic and NaI(Tl) scintillators. During the experiment, we measured the ³He polarization and flipped the spin directions of ³He nucleus by using the AFP-NMR method. We extracted ³He analyzing power by measuring the asymmetry of elastically scattered protons from the polarized ³He target. In the conference we report recently results of the experimental data.

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