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Transverse analyzing power measurement in the high energy forward $p^\uparrow p$ and $p^\uparrow A$ scattering at RHIC hydrogen jet target polarimeter

The Polarized Hydrogen Gas Jet Target Polarimeter (HJET) at the Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collider (RHIC) is utilized to accurately measure the vertical polarization of proton beams with low systematic uncertainties of approximately $\sigma_P^{\text{syst}}/P < 0.5\%$. These measurements are conducted in the CNI region, $0.0013 < |t| < 0.017 \text{ GeV}^2$. By measuring the elastic single $A_N(t)$ and double $A_{NN}(t)$ spin analyzing powers for 100 and 255 GeV proton beams, the contributions from hadronic spin-flip amplitudes were isolated. A Regge fit was performed, revealing a non-zero Pomeron spin-flip component. Preliminary results for inelastic $p^\uparrow p$ and elastic $p^\uparrow A$ (for d , O , Al , Ru , Zr , and Au nuclei) analyzing powers were also obtained. However, the completion of these studies requires the development of a theoretical parametrization for the corresponding analyzing powers. The successful implementation of HJET at RHIC has prompted its potential use for proton beam polarimetry with a desired accuracy of 1% at the upcoming Electron-Ion Collider (EIC). The feasibility of using HJET for ^3He (h) beam polarimetry at EIC will also be discussed. To accurately measure the helion beam polarization using HJET, knowledge of the hadronic spin-flip amplitudes for the $p^\uparrow h$ and $h^\uparrow p$ is essential. These amplitudes can be derived with sufficient precision from the proton-proton hadronic spin-flip amplitude determined at HJET. Another potential concern for ^3He polarization measurement is the possibility of helion breakup in hp scattering. An estimate of the breakup effect indicates that while it can introduce corrections of up to 4% to the spin-flip interference terms, these effects cancel out and have negligible impact on the calculating the ^3He beam polarization (which depends on the effective $A_N^{ph}(t)/A_N^{hp}(t)$ analyzing power ratio).

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