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Polarized ³He ion source, SEPIS based on the spin-exchange collisions MASAYOSHI TANAKA, Kobe Tokiwa College, YUTAKA TAKAHASHI, KEIJI TAKAHISA, MASARU YOSOI, SHIGEHIRO YASUI, RCNP, Osaka-u.ac.jp, YASUHUMI KOMENO, CHIKA INABA, TADASHI SHIMODA, HIDEAKI IZUMI, TAKESHI FURUKAWA, Dept. of Physics, Osaka University — Over the decade we have developed the polarized ³He ion source for spin physics research at intermediate energy regions. Though we started constructing an OPPIS polarized ³He ion source at first, we failed in obtaining a highly polarized ³He beam contrary to the great success in the proton OPPIS. Next, we proposed and checked the validity of an "electron pumping" polarized ³He ion source, EPPIS. Though the EPPIS decisively demonstrated its usefulness, the further development is currently suspended because of practical difficulty associated with a budget. To overcome this we proposed a SEPIS polarized ion source based on the enhanced spin-exchange cross sections between alkali atoms and an incident ³He⁺ ion at extremely low energies less than 1 keV, which is expected by the theoretical calculation allowing the quasi-molecule formation. An advantage of SEPIS relative to EPPIS is that no pumping laser with a high intensity, and a high magnetic field to keep the polarization are required. The construction of bench-test device for the SEPIS will soon be in completion. We hope to present not only the present status of the construction of SEPIS but also the first preliminary result on the SEPIS performace in this joint meeting.

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