

Séminaire

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Searching for the proton's spin : Accessing the gluon's polarization with polarized p+p collisions via charged pion production

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Detector experiments on the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at BNL with its use of beams of polarized protons provide an environment of hard scattering between gluons and quarks complementary to that provided by deep inelastic scattering of leptons and nucleons. Polarized proton-proton collisions can directly probe the polarized gluon and anti-quark distributions as the collisions couple the color charges of the participants.

RHIC's measurements of the spin substructure of the proton may contribute to our understanding of how quarks and gluons move inside protons and other particles. In particular, measuring spin asymmetries of pion species at mid-rapidity are some of the various interesting probes that will form part of the global analysis aiming at determining the gluon polarization over a wide range in x. In this talk we will discuss pion double longitudinal asymmetries (A_{LL}) and their role in spin experiments which aim at elucidating information on the proton spin structure.

Le café sera servi 10 minutes avant

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