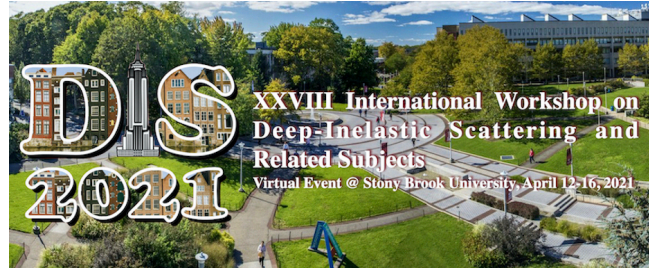


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## Non-zero transverse single spin asymmetry of very forward $\pi^0$ in polarized $p + p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV

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Through the 21st and 22nd International Workshop on Deep Inelastic Scattering, a possibility of the non-perturbative contribution for the non-zero transverse single spin asymmetry of  $\pi^0$  ( $2 < \eta < 4$ ) was brought up. Bigger asymmetry was observed in more isolated final state which was connected with the non-perturbative event topology. Since the non-perturbative contribution has been studied by only the forward  $\pi^0$  production where the perturbative process was expected to be the major interaction rather than non-perturbative one, the RHICf experiment measured the very forward ( $\eta > 6$ )  $\pi^0$  to study the role of the non-perturbative interaction in more detail. We installed a new electromagnetic calorimeter at the zero-degree area of the STAR experiment at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider and measured the  $\pi^0$  over the kinematic range of  $x_F > 0.25$  and  $0 < p_T < 1$  GeV/c in June, 2017. A clear non-zero asymmetry was observed even in low  $p_T < 1$  showing a similar  $x_F$  dependence with the forward  $\pi^0$  one as the  $p_T$  approached to 1 GeV/c. The non-perturbative interaction may induce its own non-zero asymmetry and there may be also a non-negligible contribution from it in the forward  $\pi^0$  asymmetry. We present the first measurement of the very forward  $\pi^0$  asymmetry and its result. A future aspect to more precisely study both of the perturbative and non-perturbative contribution will be also discussed.

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