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Precise spin-averaged and spin-dependent fragmentation function measurements at Belle

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Fragmentation functions (FFs) describe the formation of final state particles from a partonic initial state and are directly related to the intriguing QCD phenomenon of confinement. Precise knowledge of these functions is a key ingredient in accessing quantities such as the nucleon spin structure in semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering and proton-proton collisions. However, fragmentation functions can currently not be determined from Quantum Chromodynamics first principles and have to be extracted from experimental data. The Belle experiment at KEK, Japan, provides a large data sample for high precision measurements of unpolarized and polarized fragmentation functions. Here, the current status of the unpolarized and spin dependent FF measurements at Belle will be presented.

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