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Measurement of Double Longitudinal Spin Asymmetry in Heavy Flavor Production at  $\sqrt{(s)} = 200 GeV$  at RHIC XIAORONG WANG<sup>1</sup>, New Mexico State University, PHENIX COLLABORATION — One of the main goals of the RHIC-SPIN program is to determine the contribution of gluons to the proton spin. At RHIC energies, The heavy quark (charm and beauty) production is expected to be dominated by gluon-gluon interactions, so a measurement of the double longitudinal spin asymmetry  $A_{LL}$  in heavy quark production in polarized p+p collisions hence allow us to directly probe the polarized gluon distribution inside the proton. The PHENIX experiment collected 3.5 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data with beam polarization ~50% and 7.5 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data with beam polarization ~60% in the years 2005 and 2006, respectively. In this talk, we present the latest results on an  $A_{LL}$  measurement for J/ $\psi$  and open charm production measured by the PHENIX detector.

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