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Forward sTGC Tracker Prototyping and Performance Test for the STAR Upgrade YINGYING SHI, Shandong University, STAR COLLABO-RATION — The STAR experiment at RHIC is undergoing an upgrade including a new Forward Tracking System (FTS), which consists of a Forward Silicon Tracker (FST) and a Forward sTGC Tracker (FTT). The small-strip Thin Gap Chambers (sTGC) at STAR are designed to provide a precision position measurement of about 100 um for charged particles at high luminosity, covering a rapidity region (2.5  $< \eta$ <4). This extended rapidity coverage combining particle tracking detectors and calorimetry opens novel physics opportunities in pp, pA and AA collisions in the years following the Beam Energy Scan II (BES-II) at STAR. Three different sTGC prototypes have been designed at Shandong University. The first pre-prototype has been installed at STAR in 2019 during the BES-II run. A full size prototype has been tested with cosmic rays at Shandong University. The latest prototype, a pentagonshaped design, is being constructed in 2020. In this presentation, the R&D details on prototyping and performance testing of these prototypes will be presented. The current status and future plans of the FTT upgrade will be discussed.

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