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**Di-jet production constraining  $\Delta g(x)$  at low  $x$  in polarized  $\vec{p} + \vec{p}$  collisions at RHIC** BERND SURROW, Temple Univ, STAR COLLABORATION — Polarized  $\vec{p} + \vec{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV and at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV at RHIC provide a unique way to probe the proton spin structure. Inclusive measurements, such as inclusive jet and hadron production, have so far been the prime focus of various results at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV constraining  $\Delta g(x)$ . A recent global analysis provides for the first time evidence of a non-zero value of the gluon polarization  $\int_{0.05}^1 \Delta g(x) dx (Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) = 0.20_{-0.07}^{+0.06}$ . First results of di-jet production at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV by the STAR collaboration will allow a better constraint of the underlying event kinematics. Forward di-jet production at STAR beyond the current acceptance of  $-1 < \eta < +2$ , in particular at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV, provides access to low  $x$  values at the level of  $10^{-3}$  where current uncertainties of  $\Delta g(x)$  remain very large. Recent STAR di-jet results constraining  $\Delta g(x)$  will be briefly summarized followed by a detailed presentation of the physics case of forward di-jet production at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV for  $2.5 < \eta < 4$  requiring an upgrade of the STAR forward detection system, including a discussion of the kinematic coverage and projected uncertainties.

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