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Measurement of the Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetries for Forward π^0 and Electromagnetic Jets in Correlation with Midrapidity Jet-like Events at STAR in $p + p$ Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV MRIGANKA MOULI MONDAL, Texas A&M University, STAR COLLABORATION — Large transverse single-spin asymmetries (A_N) have been observed for forward inclusive hadron production in $p + p$ collisions at various experiments. In the collinear perturbative scattering picture, twist-3 multi-parton correlations can give rise to such an asymmetry. A transversely polarized quark can also give rise to a spin-dependent distribution of its hadron fragments via the twist-3 fragmentation function contribution. The observed A_N may involve contributions from both processes. These can be disentangled by studying asymmetries for jets, direct photons and jet-fragments. The STAR Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS), a Pb-glass electromagnetic calorimeter covering the pseudo-rapidity (η) range 2.6-4.2 and full azimuth, can detect photons, neutral pions and η mesons. We are measuring A_N for π^0 and electromagnetic(EM) jets reconstructed from photons in the FMS in $p + p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV that were recorded during the 2011 RHIC run. We report, here, A_N for forward EM-jets and its sensitivity to the event topology of having a coincidence EM-jet at midrapidity.

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