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Measurement of J/psi Polarization in p+p Collisions at \sqrt{s} = 200 GeV through the Di-muon Channel at STAR

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Quarkonium production mechanism in elementary collisions has not been fully understood. Experimental data on the J/ψ cross section in p+p collisions can be described relatively well by several models that are currently available on the market. However, these models differ in their predictions for the J/ψ polarization. Therefore precise measurements of J/ψ polarization can provide further constraints on the production models. During the RHIC 2015 run, the STAR experiment recorded a large sample of p+p collisions at \sqrt{s} = 200 GeV triggered by the Muon Telescope Detector for charmonium studies via the di-muon decay channel. In this poster, we will present the J/ψ polarization measurement in the helicity and Collins-Soper reference frames utilizing this data set. The polarization parameters λ_{θ} and λ_{ϕ} are extracted from simultaneous fit to 1-dimensional polar and azimuthal angular distributions of decay μ^+ in the J/ψ transverse momentum range of 0-6 GeV/c in both frames. The results will be compared with similar measurements in higher transverse momentum region as well as with model calculations.

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