Inclusive Jet Cross-section Measurements in pp

² Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ and 510 GeV with STAR

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Jets, clusters of collimated particles produced in high energy proton-proton 5 (pp) collisions, are an excellent tool to study the internal structure of the pro-6 ton. According to perturbative QCD calculations, for center of mass energies 7 of $\sqrt{s} = 200$ and 510 GeV at RHIC, jet production in the mid pseudo-rapidity, 8 $|\eta| < 1$, is dominated by quark-gluon and gluon-gluon scattering processes. 9 These jets are sensitive to gluons in the proton with momentum fraction 0.0110 < x < 0.5. The STAR experiment has measured a series of jet double-spin 11 asymmetries within $-1 < \eta < 2$, in longitudinally polarized pp collisions, to 12 constrain the gluon helicity distribution function in the proton. Similarly, jet 13 cross-section measurements from unpolarized pp collisions are effective at con-14 straining the unpolarized gluon distribution in the proton. In this talk, we will 15 present the STAR preliminary results on mid pseudo-rapidity inclusive jet cross-16 section measurements in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ and 510 GeV as well as the 17 techniques used in this analysis. They include an off-axis cone underlying event 18 correction to the jet transverse momentum, an unfolding procedure to map the 19 measured jet spectra to physical particle jet spectra, and the determination of 20 the leading systematic uncertainties. 21