

J/ψ production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 54.4$ GeV

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Abstract

1 Heavy quarkonia are ideal probes of the Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP). J/ψ is
2 the most abundantly produced quarkonium state accessible experimentally and its
3 suppression due to the color screening effect in hot and dense medium has been
4 suggested as a signature of the formation of the QGP. Besides the screening ef-
5 fect, there are other mechanisms, such as the cold nuclear effects and charm quark
6 recombination, which could affect the J/ψ yield in heavy-ion collisions. Measure-
7 ments of J/ψ production at different collision energies will help to understand the
8 interplay of these mechanisms. STAR has observed significant suppressions of the
9 J/ψ production at mid-rapidity in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 39, 62.4,$ and 200
10 GeV. However, the nuclear modification factor shows no significant collision energy
11 dependence from SPS to RHIC top energy within large uncertainties.

12 In 2017, STAR took a large sample of 54.4 GeV Au+Au collisions and the statis-
13 tics is more than ten times of the 39 and 62.4 GeV Au+Au data. In this talk, we
14 will present new measurements of the inclusive J/ψ production in Au+Au collisions
15 at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 54.4$ GeV. The collision energy and transverse momentum dependences
16 of the nuclear modification factor will be presented. Physics implications of these
17 results will also be discussed.