Recent Measurements of Heavy Quarkonium Production in p+Au and p+p

Collisions at STAR

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Abstract

Heavy quarkonia are useful probes of the quark-gluon plasma, where quarkonium dissociation is expected at high enough temperatures. Indeed, such a suppression is clearly present in the latest STAR measurements of J/Ψ production in Au+Au collisions. The suppression is observed to have little dependence on p_T , although cold nuclear matter effects, such as shadowing, anti-shadowing, nuclear or comover absorption, play a significant role at low Measurements of the J/Ψ production in p+A collisions can help us to disentangle the cold nuclear matter effects from the hot medium effects in A+A collisions. In this talk, we will present the measurement of J/Ψ production in p+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV by the STAR experiment. The nuclear modification factor R_{pA} will be presented as a function of the event activity (i.e. "centrality") and compared to theoretical models. In addition, we will present recent STAR measurements of J/Ψ and Υ production in p+p collisions including their dependence on the charged-particle multiplicity at mid-rapidity. These measurements are important for understanding the mechanism of the heavy quarkonium production in elementary nucleonnucleon collisions and the interplay of soft and hard processes.