Charged particle multiplicity dependence of quarkonium production measured by the STAR experiment

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Introduction

 \bullet Quarkonium production vs. multiplicity in p+p

STAR experiment



- J/ψ in p+p $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$
- J/ψ in p+p $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$
- Υ in p+p $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$



Quarkonium production vs. multiplicity in p+p



- Quarkonium production vs. multiplicity provides insight into initial conditions
- Study of interplay between hard and soft QCD processes
- At high multiplicity:
 - QGP in small systems?
 - Saturation effects, CGC?
- Study by measuring self-normalized yields $\frac{N_x}{\langle N_x \rangle}$

$$\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta}$$
 vs. $\frac{\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta}}{\left\langle \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right\rangle}$



- Linear increase for J/ ψ vs. N_{ch} at both mid- and forward rapidity [Phys.Lett.B 712,165-175(2012)]
 - Stronger slope at mid-rapidity
- Strong increase of $\Upsilon(1S)$ self normalized yields observed at LHC [JHEP04,103(2014)]
- \bullet Need to investigate for J/ψ and \varUpsilon at RHIC energy
- Study the p_T dependence



Detectors used for quarkonium studies

- TPC $|\eta| < 1, 0 \le \phi < 2\pi$
 - Tracking momentum measurement
 - Particle identification based on energy
- BEMC $|\eta| < 1, \ 0 \le \phi < 2\pi$
 - Trigger on high-p_T electrons
 - Electron identification via E/p and EM shower shape
- MTD $|\eta| < 0.5$, 45% in ϕ
 - Magnet used as hadron absorber

 - Muon identification utilizing position and time-of-flight information
 - Muons less bremsstrahlung
- TOF $|\eta| < 1, \ 0 \le \phi < 2\pi$
 - Particle identification based on
 - Fast detector used to remove pile-up for N_{ch} determination

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Multiplicity distribution via unfolding



Response matrix for 1 events

Unfolding method used for multiplicity dependent studies

- A response matrix is obtained using the PYTHIA8 event generator for both min-bias and Υ events taking into account reconstruction efficiency
- 2 The measured distributions are unfolded using their respective response matrices
- This procedure yields the unfolded (true) distribution 3
- 4 Similar procedure used for J/ψ
- Measured N_{ch} distribution obtained from p+p $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV} 2009 \text{ data}$ 6
- Measured distribution of Υ events obtained from p+p $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV} 2011 \text{ data}$



[[]Phys.Lett.B 786,87-93(2018)]

- Similar trend seen by STAR and ALICE [Phys.Lett.B 712,165-175(2012)]
- Qualitatively described by PYTHIA8, Percolation model and EPOS3 for D mesons

 J/ψ production vs. event activity - models

p+p $\sqrt{s}=$ 200, 500 GeV 2012, 2011 datasets $J/\psi
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• Percolation model: [E. G. Ferreiro, C. Pajares, Phys. Rev. C, 86, 034903(2012)]

- Low-p_T data are well described
- High- p_T data are above the model at high $N_{ch}.$ Note that the model if for $p_T>0~{\rm GeV}/c$
- CGC/Saturation model: [E. Levin, M. Siddikov, EPJC, 97(5), 376(2019)], [M. Siddikov, et al, arXiv:1910.13579 [hep-ph]]
 - · Describes the data, however uncertainties are large
 - Data are slightly above the model at high p_T . Note that the model if for $p_T > 0 \, {\rm GeV/c}$

Cross section ratios: $\Upsilon(nS)/\Upsilon(1S)$





[W. Zha, et al, Phys.Rev.C 88,067901(2013)]

- Left plot: cross section ratios measured in 500 GeV p+p collisions are slightly below (within 2σ) world data average, shown as solid lines in the left plot.
- Right plot: Ratios vs. TofMult no strong multiplicity dependence observed.
- TofMult: number of tracks matched to TOF within $|\eta| < 1$, $p_T > 0.2 \, {\rm GeV/c}$ (uncorrected)

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Υ production vs. event activity

p+p $\sqrt{s} = 500~{
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- Self-normalized yield vs. self-normalized multiplicity in p+p $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ measured for $\Upsilon(1S + 2S + 3S)$ and $\Upsilon(1S)$
- Data consistent with a linear rise (black line), with a hint for stronger-than-linear rise for $\Upsilon(1S)$ above $p_T > 4 \, {\rm GeV/c}$
- Percolation model predicts quadratic dependence $\frac{N_{hard}}{\langle N_{hard} \rangle} = \langle \rho \rangle \left(\frac{\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta}}{\langle \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \rangle} \right)^2$ at

high multiplicity [E. G. Ferreiro, C. Pajares, Phys.Rev. C, 86, 034903 (2012)]

• Quadratic fit $y = ax^2$ describes the data



[JHEP04,103(2014)],[Nucl.and Part.Phys. Proc., 276-278, pp.261-264(2016)],[Phys.Lett.B 712,165-175(2012)],[Phys.Lett.B 786,87-93(2018)]

• Similar trend at RHIC and LHC for Υ and J/ψ



• PYTHIA8 and Percolation models reproduce the trend in the data [E. G. Ferreiro, C. Pajares, Phys. Rev. C, 86, 034903(2012)]

 CGC/Saturation model describes the data within large uncertainties [E. LevinM. Siddikov, EPJC, 97(5), 376(2019)], [M. Siddikov, et al, arXiv:1910.13579 [hep-ph]]

Event activity dependence - new ideas



Problems

- Auto-correlation bias we measure the multiplicity and quarkonium in the same phase space
- We want to characterize the underlying event

New methods

- Measure charged particle multiplicity in the transverse region with respect to quarkonium emission angle
 - This is related to underlying event, while not affected by particles produced in association with the quarkonium
- Measure particles in a cone around quarkonium momentum direction

Υ ratios vs. event activity - CMS



[Santona Tuli, Hot Quarks 2018]

Υ ratios vs. N_{ch}

- Similar trend in transverse, forward and backward regions
- More flat dependence of $\Upsilon(2S)/\Upsilon(1S)$ for >3 particles in a $\Delta R < 0.5$ cone
 - Opposite to expectation from comover interactions
- Need to test it at RHIC energy as well

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p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s}=200~{\rm GeV}$ and $\sqrt{s}=500~{\rm GeV}$

- \bullet Dependence of quarkonium production on event activity measured by STAR for J/ψ and $\varUpsilon.$
- Similar trends observed for J/ψ and $\Upsilon(1S)$ at RHIC and LHC.
- Predictions from PYTHIA8 and Percolation model can qualitatively describe the trend in the data.
- CGC/Saturation model describes the data within large uncertainties
- 10x more data at high p_T available from STAR 2017 run, may allow to distinguish between the models
- Cross section ratios $\Upsilon(nS)/\Upsilon(1S)$:
 - $pprox 2\sigma$ below world data average
 - · No strong dependence on multiplicity visible, within large uncertainties

Open questions:

- Which scenario is seen in the data?
- Do models describe the N_{ch} distribution?
- What is the dependence on event activity at forward rapidity at RHIC?
- How does ratios behave vs. N_{ch} measured in:
 - a cone around quarkonium?
 - transverse to quarkonium emission angle in ϕ ?

Thank you for your attention!

BACKUP

Multiple parton interactions (MPI)



https://www.bnl.gov/rhic/images/proton-with-gluouns-300px.jpg

http://www.desy.de/~jung/multiple-interactions/may06/mi-rick.gif

- Protons are complex objects consisting of constituent quarks, sea quarks and gluons.
- Multiple parton interactions (MPI) may happen in *p* + *p* collison implemented in PYTHIA.
 - Besides the main hard process, there may be additional hard and soft processes in MPI.
- As implemented in PYTHIA8, heavy quarks can also be produced during MPI.
- MPI together with initial- (ISR), final-state radiation (FSR) and beam remnants define the event activity, which can be characterized experimentally using the charged particle multiplicity.



[Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci.60, 463-489(2010)] [Proc.of SPIE, 100313U(2016)]

- Models particle production originating from strings of color field formed in p + p collisions.
- Soft particle production dampened by interaction of overlapping strings.
- Predicts quadratic dependence of normalized yield for particles from hard processes vs. normalized charged particle multiplicity in high multiplicity events.

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