Upsilon meson production in p+p collisions measured at STAR

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Quarkonia

- Bound state of a heavy quark (c, b) and its corresponding antiquark
- Produced in early stages of the collision
- Focus on Υ mesons S states (L = 0) of bottomonia ($b\bar{b}$)
- 3 Υ states below the open beauty threshold

$$m_{b\bar{b}} < 2m_{B^+} \doteq 2 \cdot 5, 28 \mathrm{GeV/c^2}$$

Quarkonium decay



- $m_{\Upsilon(1S)} \simeq 9.46 \text{ GeV/c}^2$, $\mathsf{BR}_{\rm ee}(1S) = 2.38 \pm 0.11\%$
- $m_{\Upsilon(2S)} \simeq 10.02 \text{ GeV/c}^2$, $\mathsf{BR}_{\rm ee}(2S) = 1.91 \pm 0.16\%$
- $m_{\Upsilon(3S)} \simeq 10.35 \text{ GeV/c}^2$, $\text{BR}_{ee}(3S) = 2.18 \pm 0.20\%$

[Phys. Rev. D 98, 030001 (2018)]

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Quarkonium production

- Quarkonium production mechanism hard scattering and non-perturbative hadronisation
- Several production models:
 - Colour singlet

[Nuc. Phys. B 172, 425-434]

Colour octet

[Phys. Rev. D 46, R3703(R)]

Colour evaporation

[Phys. Lett. B 47 2, 217-221]

Possible production in multiple parton interactions (MPIs)





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Effects on quarkonia

- Dissociation in QGP at high T via Debeye-like screening [Phys. Lett. B 178 4]
 - Heavier states dissociate at lower T
 - Sequential suppression of states

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 222031]

- Feed-down from excited states
- Regeneration

[Phys. Rev. C 96, 054901]

 Small for Υ at RHIC energies (small production cross section - ~100 pb)



• Cold nuclear matter (CNM)

effects [Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 107]

- Nuclear absorption
- Comover interactions
- Nuclear PDF effects

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Sequential suppression



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Feed-down effect



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Motivation

- Υp and $p_{\rm T}$ spectra production mechanism (comparison of spectra to model calculations)
- Υ states ratios production mechanisms and comover interactions
- Normalised charged particle multiplicity dependence main aim of study ($N_{\Upsilon} \sim N_{\rm MPI}$, $N_{\rm ch} \sim$ energy density)
 - MPI influence on Υ production
- Small interacting systems study possible CGC influence?

Motivation



Normalised multiplicity dependence

Experimental observable $N_{\Upsilon}/\langle N_{\Upsilon}\rangle$ defined as:

$$N_{\Upsilon}/\langle N_{\Upsilon}\rangle = (N_{\rm MB}/N_{\rm MB}^{\rm bin})(N_{\Upsilon}^{\rm bin}/N_{\Upsilon}) \tag{1}$$

 $\textit{N}_{\rm ch}/\left<\textit{N}_{\rm ch}\right>\ldots$ self-normalised particle multiplicity

 $N_{\Upsilon}\ldots$ total number of events containing Upsilon meson

 $N_{\Upsilon}^{\rm bin}$... number of Upsilon events in corresponding multiplicity bin

 $N_{
m MB}\ldots$ total number of minimum bias (MB) events

 $\textit{N}_{\rm MB}^{\rm bin}\dots$ number of MB events in corresponding $\textit{N}_{\rm ch}/\left<\textit{N}_{\rm ch}\right>$ bin

Previous results

- Preliminary results from STAR experiment available (Run11) - now 10x more data
- Previous results show stronger than linear increase in normalised charged particle multiplicity dependence
- [L. Kosarzewski, PoS ICHEP2020 (2021) 545]



STAR detector

- Experiment at the RHIC in BNL
- Intended primarily for QGP study
- Composed of many sub-detectors:
 - Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
 - ★ Track momentum & PID
 - Time of Flight (TOF)
 - ★ PID
 - Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter (BEMC)
 - ★ high- $p_T e/\gamma$ energy
 - ★ BHT trigger for high-p_T electrons



• STAR acceptance at the time of the run $|\eta| < 1, 0 < \varphi < 2\pi$

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Data

- p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV, Run17, recorded by the STAR detector
- Approximately 450 million BHT2 triggered events (2.9 billion total recorded)
- Previously available version of the reconstructed data missing BEMC information
 - Newly reconstructed data includes BEMC information
 - Reconstruction not finished in time to analyse the new version and implement BEMC cuts
- Improved precision over previously analysed data (Run11)
- Integrated luminosity of Run17 BHT2*BBCMB triggered data $\mathcal{L} \sim 340 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (Run11 triggered data $\mathcal{L} \sim 21.5 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)

Methodology

- Event selection
- Track selection
- Event multiplicity (TofMult) measurement
- Electron/positron ID via TPC and BEMC BEMC not included in the current version of the analysis
- Υ candidate reconstruction (dielectron channel)
- Signal extraction, analysis, ... work in progress
- Algorithm successfully tested on $J/\psi~(m_{J/\psi}\doteq 3.1~{\rm GeV/c^2})$ signal

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Cuts

Event selection

- $|v_z| < 40 \text{ cm}$
- BHT2*BBCMB trigger

- Track selection
 - nHitsFit \geq 20
 - nHitsRatio > .52
 - *p*_T > 200 MeV/c
 - DCA to primary vertex < 3 cm

Electron selection

- $-3 < n\sigma_e < 3$
- $E_{\rm TOW}/E_{\rm CLU} > 0.5$
- 0.5 < $E_{\rm CLU}/p < 1.5$

TofMult

- nHitsFit \geq 15
- $|\eta| < 1$
- p_{T} > 200 MeV/c
- DCA to primary vertex < .5 cm
- track matched to TOF

Event selection



Figure 1: Number of accepted events in the stages of event selection (from left to right: before any cuts, after bad run removal, after trigger condition application, after v_z cut and after $v_z - v_z^{\rm VPD}$ cut).

TofMult



Figure 2: TofMult - TOF matched charged particle multiplicity spectrum.

$n\sigma_e$ and $n\sigma_\pi$



Figure 3: $n\sigma$ of electrons (left) and pions (right) with regards to track momentum.

$$n\sigma_{\text{particle}} = \ln\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}E/\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}E/\mathrm{d}x|_{\text{expected}}}\right) / \sigma_{\text{TPC}} \stackrel{\text{o}}{=} \frac{\mathrm{d}E/\mathrm{d}x}_{\text{expected}} \text{ expected value (Bichsel)}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{TPC}} \text{ TPC energy loss resolution}$$

Upsilon candidate reconstruction

$$m_{\rm ee} = \sqrt{(E_1 + E_2)^2 - (\vec{p_1} + \vec{p_2})^2},$$
 (2)

- Electrons/positrons passing cuts selected and combined into pairs
- Candidates reconstructed using Lorentz momentum 4-vector addition
- Two invariant mass spectra of reconstructed candidates produced:
 - Unlike-sign (e^+e^-) : should include signal + background
 - Like-sign (e⁻e⁻& e⁺e⁺): reasonable approximation of combinatorial background

J/ψ test



Figure 4: Invariant mass spectrum of: left: unlike-sign (red) and like-sign (blue) reconstructed J/ψ candidate; right: unlike-sign reconstructed J/ψ candidates with like-sign candidates subtracted.

Results

unlike-sign spectrum unlike-sign like-sign

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Figure 5: Invariant mass spectrum of unlike-sign (red) and like-sign (blue) reconstructed candidates.

Dataset reproduction

- Missing BEMC information reported to the STAR collaboration dataset scheduled for reproduction
- Author involved in the validation of the quality of the reproduced data
- Testing performed on a small subset of the data, which was made available for this purpose
- With the help of the QA work done, the entire dataset has been fully reproduced and contains BEMC information

Dataset reproduction



Figure 6: Distribution of BEMC tower energy $E_{\rm TOW}$ and cluster energy $E_{\rm CLU}$ obtained during reconstruction QA.

Dataset reproduction



Figure 7: Distribution of BEMC cluster energy E_{CLU} and track momentum p obtained during reconstruction QA.

- Detailed Monte Carlo study performed by PYTHIA 8.240 (based on the study done for my Bc. thesis)
- Normalised quarkonium yield in dependence on charged particle multiplicity
- Separate data for inclusive, direct and feed-down originated $\Upsilon(1S),$ $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ states
- Auto-correlation effects (electrons contribute to measured N_{ch}, gluons produced in NRQCD process (1 for CS, 2 for CO) [*Eur. Phys. J. C* 79, 36 (2019)]



Figure 8: Normalised Υ meson yield dependence on charged particle multiplicity for direct, inclusive and non-direct $\Upsilon(1S)$ state for PYTHIA compared to STAR preliminary data. Left: integrated $p_{\rm T}$, right: $p_{\rm T} > 4$ GeV/c.



Figure 9: Normalised Υ meson yield dependence on charged particle multiplicity for non-direct $\Upsilon(1S)$ state for PYTHIA. The data is separated by the state, from which the measured Υ originated. Left: integrated $p_{\rm T}$, right: $p_{\rm T} > 4$ GeV/c.



Figure 10: Normalised Υ meson yield dependence on charged particle multiplicity for inclusive $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ states for PYTHIA compared to STAR preliminary data. Left: integrated $p_{\rm T}$, right: $p_{\rm T} > 4$ GeV/c.

Outlook

- Steps up until pair signal extraction implemented
- Signal reconstruction algorithm successfully tested on J/ψ signal analysis algorithm working properly
- Author involved in data reproduction QA reproduction successful
- $\bullet\,$ Detailed PYTHIA Monte Carlo study of Υ meson yield performed
 - No difference for Υ states observed
- The work on the analysis can now continue with the newly acquired BEMC information

Thank you for your attention and enjoy the rest of the workshop!

Appendix

dE/dx



Figure 11: dE/dx distribution with regards to momentum p with track quality cuts applied.