Inclusive J/ ψ production in pp and Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV with ALICE at the LHC

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- Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP) and J/ψ production in heavy-ion collisions
- J/ψ production mechanisms in pp collisions

LHC and ALICE detector

Data samples: Pb-Pb 2015+2018 and proton-proton (pp) 2017

Analysis of inclusive J/ ψ production in Pb-Pb and pp collisions

- pp analysis
- Pb-Pb analysis

Conclusion and to do

J/ψ as a probe of the QGP in heavy-ion collisions



Hard probes including prompt J/ψ produced in the early stage of the collision and cross the QGP J/ψ (re)generated either during QGP phase and/or at the hadronization stage at the LHC energy

• Color screening of $c\bar{c}$ pair in QGP \rightarrow J/ ψ suppression



Parton energy loss by multiple scattering in QGP→ energy loss by quarks, gluons or cc̄ pairs? J/ψ (re)generation in QGP $\rightarrow J/\psi$ enhancement

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Observable in Pb-Pb: nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

$$R_{AA} = \frac{Y_{AA}^{J/\Psi}}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \cdot \sigma_{J/\Psi}^{pp}}$$

 $Y_{AA}^{J/\Psi}$ is the J/ ψ invariant yield in nucleus-nucleus collisions (AA)

 $\sigma_{J/\psi}^{pp}$ is the J/ ψ production cross section in proton-proton (pp) collision at the same energy

 $< T_{AA} >$ is the nuclear overlap function which quantifies the average nucleon-nucleon luminosity per AA collision



- $R_{AA} > 1 \rightarrow J/\psi$ enhancement
- $R_{AA} = 1 \rightarrow$ No significant medium effect
- $R_{AA} < 1 \rightarrow J/\psi$ suppression





- $p_T < 6$ GeV: R_{AA} increases towards low p_T : hint of regeneration. Interplay between color screening and regeneration.
- $6 < p_T < 20$ GeV: $R_{AA} \sim 0.2 0.3$ and increases slightly at larger p_T . Indication of color screening mostly.
- $p_T > 20$ GeV: $R_{AA}^{J/\Psi} \sim R_{AA}^{charged}$: energy loss signature. Interplay between color screening and energy loss.

J/ψ production mechanisms in pp

Three main models describe the quarkonium production in pp.

- Colour evaporation model (CEM): it considers all the $c\overline{c}$ pairs hadronizing into a charmonium state. It assumes the $c\overline{c}$ color "evaporates" through gluon emission
- Colour singlet model (CSM): the color charge, the spin of the $c\overline{c}$ pair and the J/ ψ are unchanged.
- Non-relativistic QCD (NRQCD): it includes the colour singlet and the colour octet contributions.



The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- LHC at CERN (Geneva) is the largest and most powerful particle collider for pp (currently up to $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV) p-Pb (currently up to $\sqrt{s_{NN}} =$ 8.16 TeV) and Pb-Pb (currently up to $\sqrt{s_{NN}} =$ 5.02 TeV)
- Three types of collisions:
 - pp: investigate the quarkonium production mechanism
 - p-Pb: explore the cold nuclear matter effect
 - Pb-Pb: study the properties of quarkgluon plasma



27 km

ALICE detector

•ALICE (A Large Ion Collider Experiment) detector is designed to study the QGP in heavy-ion collisions

- Muon spectrometer
 - Absorber system: stop π, k and low momentum μ particles
 - Tracking system: provide the 3D position information of particles
 - Dipole magnet: bend particles to obtain momenta and charges (3 Tm)
 - Trigger system: trigger on opposite-sign dimuon and identify the single muon (2 trigger p_T thresholds: 0.5 & 1 GeV/c or 1 & 4 GeV/c)
- •Other ALICE detector used for muon analysis
 - SPD: vertex determination
 - V0 (V0A & V0C): centrality estimator in Pb-Pb, luminosity determination in pp, minimum bias trigger and background event rejection
 - T0 (T0A & T0C): luminosity determination in pp
 - ZDC (≈ 100m before / after IP): background event rejection in Pb-Pb



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Data taking in 2018 Pb-Pb collisions



Data samples: pp 2017 and Pb-Pb 2015+2018

	pp 2015 (published)	Pb-Pb 2015 (published)	pp 2017	Pb-Pb 2018
Luminosity	≈107 <i>nb</i> ⁻¹	≈225 µb ⁻¹	≈1223 nb^{-1}	≈537 µb ⁻¹
$\sqrt{S_{NN}}$	5.02 TeV			

$$\begin{split} L_{int}^{2018,Pb-Pb} &\approx 2.4 \times L_{int}^{2015,Pb-Pb} \\ L_{int}^{2017,pp} &\approx 11.4 \times L_{int}^{2015,pp} \end{split}$$

pp 2017:

- •J/ψ signal extraction
- Acceptance x Efficiency (Aε) correction
- •Normalization and luminosity
- •Reference cross section measurement

Pb-Pb 2015 + 2018:

- •J/ ψ signal extraction
- Acceptance x Efficiency correction
- Normalization

•J/ψ R_{AA}

J/ψ differential cross sections in pp



- BR: branching ratio of J/ψ decaying into dimuon, (5.93+/-0.06) %
- $N_{J/\Psi}(p_T, y)$: raw number of J/ ψ
- L_{int}^{pp} : integrated luminosity
- Aε(p_τ,y): acceptance times efficiency

J/ψ signal extraction in pp

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- NA60 function, tails from MC (Geant3 & Geant4)

Background functions:

- Variable Width Gaussian (VWG1)
- Polynomial ratios (Pol1/Pol2)

Fitting ranges of invariant mass:

• pp: [2.0, 4.8], [2.2, 4.4] GeV/c²

Total methods in pp: $(3 + 2) \times 2 \times 2 = 20$

*: invariant mass
$$m^2 = E^2 - ||\mathbf{p}||^2$$

 $M_{\mu^+\mu^-} = \sqrt{m_{\mu^+}^2 + m_{\mu^-}^2 + 2(E_{\mu^+}E_{\mu^-} - \mathbf{p}_{\mu^+} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\mu^-})}$

 \bar{x} : the mean. σ : the width. (α , n, α' , n'): 4 tail parameters fixed from MC simulation and from free tails fit to large statistics pp data



J/ψ signal extraction in pp



J/ψ signal: extraction and systematic uncertainty



J/ψ As as a function of run in pp



• To correct for detector effect and geometrical acceptance • Acceptance x Efficiency $A\epsilon_i(p_T^{rec}) = \frac{N_i^{rec}(p_T^{rec})}{N_i^{gen}(p_T^{gen})}$

• $A\epsilon_i$ varies run by run: a loss of efficiency is observed at the end of the data taking period because of high voltage trips in muon tracking chambers

Luminosity in pp

- • $L_{int} = \frac{N_{MB}}{\sigma_{MB}} = \frac{N_{MUL} \times F_{norm}}{\sigma_{MB}}$
 - σ_{MB} : the minimum bias trigger cross section
 - $N_{MB} = F_{norm} \times N_{MUL}$: number of minimum bias events, computed from the number of dimuon triggered events
 - N_{MUL} : the number of opposite-sign dimuon triggered events
 - *F_{norm}*: normalization factor to obtain the number of equivalent MB events from dimuon triggered events

L_{int} = 1219 +/- 22 (syst) nb⁻¹



 σ_{CMUL7} as a function of run

σ **(mb**)

Inclusive J/ ψ differential cross section vs p_T



Good agreement between the 2 data samples with more precise measurements in 2017 pp 2017 measurements extend the p_T reach to 20 GeV/c

Inclusive J/ ψ differential cross section p_T



Within model uncertainties, good agreement with the data

- NRQCD: the prompt J/ψ production is dominated by color octet diagrams at large p_T and the singlet color ones dominate at the low p_T.
- Colour Glass Condensate (CGC): it describes the saturation of the smallx gluons in the proton.
- FONLL: non-prompt contribution (B→J/ψ) added to compare the models to the inclusive J/ψ data.

J/ψ differential cross section vs y



• Good agreement data / NRQCD+CGC+FONLL calculations: same y-dependence but large uncertainty.

Nuclear modification factor R_{AA} in Pb-Pb collisions

$$R_{AA} = \frac{N_{AA}^{J/\psi}(p_T, y)}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \cdot \frac{d^2 \sigma_{J/\psi}^{pp}}{dp_T dy} \cdot BR \cdot A\varepsilon(p_T, y) \cdot N_{MB}} \Delta p_T \cdot \Delta y$$

The most central collisions 0-20% are studied



T_{AA} = 18.83 +/- 0.142 (syst) mb⁻¹ from centrality determination: https://cds.cern.ch/record/2636623

J/ψ signal extraction in Pb-Pb



Event mixing technique used to describe the uncorrelated background by mixing muons from different events

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Total fitting methods: 18.

N_{J/\u03c0} = 591968 +/- 4294 (stat) +/- 14712 (syst)

$J/\psi R_{AA}$ as a function of p_T



- New measurements (pp and Pb-Pb): more precise data and extension of the p_{T} reach up to 20 GeV/c
- R_{AA} increases towards low p_T
- R_{AA} is constant for 6 < p_T < 20 GeV/c

$J/\psi R_{AA}$ comparison



Good agreement ALICE with ATLAS and CMS despite different rapidity regions Note that ATLAS and CMS measurements are prompt J/ ψ

 $J/\psi R_{AA}$ comparison



In transport model, good description on data for the full p_T range.

- $p_T < 6$ GeV/c dominated by J/ ψ regenerated from $c\overline{c}$ pair in the QGP phase
- p_T > 6 GeV/c dominated by primordial J/ψ that are suppressed in the QGP by color screening

In the stat. hadronization model:

- all the initially produced J/ ψ in the nucleus core are suppressed. Good description of the p_T dependence of the data for $p_T < 4$ GeV.
- initially produced J/ψ survive in the nucleus corona where there is no QGP: this contribution gives a non-zero R_{AA} that underestimates the data for p_T > 4 GeV

$J/\psi R_{AA}$ in double-differential bin



- With 2017 pp cross section measurements: more precise data allow for a double-differential study
- R_{AA} is larger towards mid-rapidity for central collisions where charm quark density is expected to be larger

Conclusion and to do

•Measuring J/ ψ production cross section in 2017 pp collisions at \sqrt{s} =5.02 TeV is important to study J/ ψ production mechanisms

- •It is also an important reference for the new J/ ψ R_{AA} measurement in Pb-Pb with 2015 + 2018 data which allow one to reach larger p_T and perform double differential analysis in p_T/y
- •Inclusive J/ ψ R_{AA} measured for the most central collisions:
 - R_{AA} as a function of p_T
 - J/ ψ less suppressed towards low p_T (< 6 GeV) in line with J/ ψ regeneration contribution
 - $R_{AA} \sim 0.25$ and constant for p_T (> 6 GeV) in line with J/ ψ suppression from color screening (transport model calculations)
 - R_{AA} as a function of y
 - J/ ψ less suppressed towards mid-rapidity where charm quark density is expected to be larger

Todo:

•To measure J/ ψ R_{AA} accumulating 2015+2018 Pb-Pb data in other centrality classes

Back up

Prompt and non-prompt J/ ψ

- Inclusive J/ψ :
 - Prompt J/ψ (~85%):
 - o direct J/ ψ production (75%)
 - J/ψ feed-down from decays of charmonium excited states (25%)
 - Non-Prompt J/ψ (~15%):
 - J/ψ from beauty (B) mesons

e.g. Eur.Phys.J. C76 (2016) no.3,107

pp collisions



QCD phase diagram



Relating Glauber to real collisions



- Centrality describes how large the overlap area is
- Centrality (in %) can be mapped into <T_{AA}> by Glauber model*
- $< T_{AA} >$ is higher if the overlap area is large

*:https://alice-notes.web.cern.ch/system/files/notes/public/711/2018-06-18-ALICE_public_note.pdf



Luminosity at the LHC in 2018



Quality of muon data in 2018 Pb-Pb



- Matched tracks: Matching of tracking tracks with trigger tracks with p_T threshold of 1 GeV/c
- Stable trending plots in 2018
- Chamber inefficiencies are reproduced in MC simulation

pp Data and MC samples: event and track selections

Data samples:

• Quality assurance checked runs

Event selections:

- Trigger selection: opposite-sign dimuon triggers
- Physics selection: to reject the background events

Track selections:

- Θ_{abs} : 2-10 degree
- p*DCA cut: to reject beam-gas tracks
- Pseudo-rapidity η: 2.5 4.0: the geometrical acceptance of the muon spectrometer
- Matching of tracking tracks with trigger tracks with p_T threshold of 0.5 GeV/c

Dimuon selection:

- Rapidity: 2.5 < **y** < 4.0
- Opposite-charge muons



Analysis of inclusive J/ ψ in 2015 and 2018 Pb-Pb data

Data samples

137 QA checked runs (2015)

228 QA checked runs. 2018 data taking reconstruction finished in January, 2019

Event selection

- Trigger selection: Dimuon trigger
- Centrality selection: With VOA and VOC
- Physics selection: To reject background events

Track selection (Single muon)

- Pseudo rapidity selection: 2.5-4.0. The geometrical acceptance of the muon spectrometer
- θ_{abs} selection: 2 10°
- Matching of tracking tracks with trigger tracks with p_T threshold of 1GeV/c
- *p* × *DCA* (momentum times Distance of Closest Approach) selection: To reject beam gas tracks

Dimuon selection

Rapidity: 2.5 < y < 4.0: The acceptance of the measurement

J/ψ signal extraction in pp & Pb-Pb

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Extended Crystal-Ball (CB2)

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J/ψ sequential suppression



J/ψ As as a function of p_T and y



Fit functions

Extended Crystal-Ball (CB2)

$$CB2(x) = N \cdot \begin{cases} \exp(\frac{-(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}) & \text{for } \alpha' > \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} > -\alpha \\ A.(B - \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma})^{-n} & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} \le -\alpha \\ C.(D + \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma})^{-n'} & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} \ge \alpha' \end{cases}$$

with

$$A = \left(\frac{n}{|\alpha|}\right)^{n} \cdot exp\left(-\frac{|\alpha|^{2}}{2}\right), B = \frac{n}{|\alpha|} - |\alpha|$$
$$C = \left(\frac{n'}{|\alpha'|}\right)^{n'} \cdot exp\left(-\frac{|\alpha'|^{2}}{2}\right), D = \frac{n'}{|\alpha'|} - |\alpha'|$$

NA60
$$NA60(x) = N \cdot \exp\left(-0.5\left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^2\right)$$

$$t = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma}$$

$$\begin{cases} t_0 = 1 + p_1^L (\alpha^L - t)^{(p_2^L - p_3^L \sqrt{\alpha^L - t})} & \text{for } t < \alpha^L \\ t_0 = 1 & \text{for } \alpha^L < t < \alpha^R \\ t_0 = 1 + p_1^R (t - \alpha^R)^{(p_2^R - p_3^R \sqrt{t - \alpha^R})} & \text{for } t > \alpha^R \end{cases}$$

Variable Width Gaussian (VWG2)

This function has a normalization factor *N*, and four parameters (\bar{x} , α , β , γ):

$$VWG2(x) = N.exp\left(\frac{-(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \text{ where } \sigma = \alpha + \beta\left(\frac{x-\bar{x}}{\bar{x}}\right) + \gamma\left(\frac{x-\bar{x}}{\bar{x}}\right)^2$$

Polynomials ratio (Pol2/Pol3)

In addition to the normalization factor N, this function has 5 parameters $(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, b_3)$ and it is defined by:

$$Pol2/Pol3(x) = N \cdot \frac{1 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2}{b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3}$$

Weight in calculation of $A^*\epsilon$

Run number Weighting

Weighted Acceptance x Efficiency
$$\overline{A\epsilon_j} = \frac{\sum_i N_{CMUL}^{i,j} \cdot A\epsilon_{i,j}}{\sum_i N_{CMUL}^{i,j}}$$
,
the weighted uncertainty $\sigma_{\epsilon,j} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (N_{CMUL}^{i,j})^2 * \sigma_{\epsilon,i,j}^2}{(\sum_i N_{CMUL}^{i,j})^2}}$,

Centrality Weighting

Weighted Acceptance x Efficiency
$$\overline{A\epsilon} = \frac{\sum_{j} N_{CMUL}^{j} \overline{A\epsilon_{j}}}{\sum_{j} N_{CMUL}^{j}}$$

where $N_{CMUL}^{i,j}$ is the number of events in run number i in centrality bin j for CMUL trigger from real data.

Monte-Carlo(MC) simulation of Pb-Pb collisions

 High occupancy of the detectors in central Pb-Pb collisions -> decrease of the detector efficiency



Principle of an embedding MC simulation



Embedding MC simulation: merge at hit level raw data and pure signal \rightarrow allow to simulate the high occupancy of the detectors

AxEff estimated for each run, centrality, y and p_T bins

J/ψ As as a function of run



0-90% centrality class 2.5 < y < 4 0 < p_T < 20 GeV/c The average AxEff: 0.131 +/- 0.0001

J/ψ As as a function of p_T and y



Effect of non-prompt J/ ψ on R_{AA}

 $R_{AA}^{pro} = R_{AA}^{inc} + f_B (R_{AA}^{inc} - R_{AA}^{npro})$

 f_B is the fraction of non-prompt J/ ψ to prompt J/ ψ measured in pp collisions R_{AA}^{npro} is the suppression factor of B-hadron production in Pb-Pb collisions



Figure 7: Fraction of J/ψ from *b* as a function of $p_{\rm T}$, in bins of *y*.

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 R_{pA} vs p_{T} at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \& 8.16 TeV$



CNM effects (shadowing, gluon saturation, energy loss, ...) studied by measuring the nuclear modification factor R_{AB} in light systems

Newest R_{AA} vs p_T in LHC and models



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