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Quarkonium measurements with the ALICE experiment at the LHC



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Introduction: the Quark Gluon Plasma



- State of nuclear matter in which quarks and gluons are not confined into hadrons
- ✓ Predicted by lattice Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD) with a pseudo-critical temperature at zero baryon chemical potential (μ_{p} = 0)



- Relativistic heavy ion collisions (AA) can create the conditions for the phase transition from ordinary matter to the QGP
- In order to interpret correctly results in AA collisions it's crucial to study:
 - ✓ pp collisions: reference system, basic production mechanisms, no QGP expected
 - pA collisions: quantify initial state effects
- ✓ Heavy-Quarks (charm and beauty): produced in the initial hard partonic scatterings and experience the full evolution of the AA collision → relevant probes to study the properties of the hot and dense medium



focus of this talk Quarkonia



Outline Quarkonium measurements in ALICE pp collisions: baseline production p-Pb collisions: study Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM) effects

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Mid-rapidity measurements (|y| < 0.9)

- Dielectron decay channel
- Time Projection Chamber (TPC): tracking, PID via dE/dx
- Inner Tracking System (ITS): vertexing, tracking, triggering
- Transition Radiation Detector (TRD): electron ID, triggering
- ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter (EMCal): triggering, PID via *E/p* measurements





- ✓ Inclusive J/ ψ measurements down to $p_{\tau} = 0$ → unique kinematic coverage at the LHC !
- ✓ Possibility to separate prompt and non-prompt J/ ψ down to a few GeV/*c* thanks to Silicon Pixel Detectors (SPD) → access beauty hadron production down to very low p_{τ} !

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Fwd-rapidity measurements (2.5 < y < 4)

- Dimuon decay channel
- Muon spectrometer:
 - Dipole magnet
 - Front absorber 10 λ_1
 - 10 tracking planes (Cathode
 - Pad Chambers)
 - 4 trigger planes (Resistive Plate Chambers)
 - Muon filter (7 $\lambda_{\rm l}$)





- Several charmonia and bottomonia states measured:
 - J/ψ, ψ(2S), Υ states
- ✓ Acceptance: down to $p_{\tau} = 0$ for all quarkonium species !

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In addition:

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- trigger on energy deposition in the EMCal at mid-rapidity

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p-Pb	2016	5.02, 8.16	
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Production mechanisms in pp collisions

- Important baseline for Pb-Pb and p-Pb systems to quantify nuclear matter effects
- Benchmark test for QCD based processes: "factorization theorem" can be employed to describe prompt quarkonium production:
 - 1) qq pairs produced by initial hard partonic scattering \rightarrow pQCD applicable
 - ✓ gluon fusion processes dominant at the LHC \rightarrow sensitivity to gluon PDFs

2) Hadronization into a "colourless" bound state \rightarrow non-perturbative process. Three main production models:

- Color Evaporation Model (CEM) [Phys. Rev. D 12 (1975) 2007]
- Color Singlet Model (CSM) [Phys. Lett. B 67 (1977) 217]]
- Non-Relativistic QCD (NRQCD) [Phys. Rev. D 51 (1995) 1125]

more differential measurements based on several "observables" (e.g. cross-sections, polarization, quarkonium-hadron correlations, etc.) represent a powerful tool to constrain quarkonium production models

 Quarkonium studies as a function of multiplicity shed light on Multiple Parton Interactions (MPI) [relevant for heavy-flavour production at the LHC energies!]





Quarkonium cross sections





- ▶ NRQCD combined with FONLL is able to describe p_{τ} spectra at both central and forward rapidity
 - ✓ NRQCD+CGC provides a good description down to $p_{T} = 0$
- tensions between models and data still visible in the ratio ψ(2S) / J/ψ

Quarkonia vs multiplicity



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- ✓ Faster than linear increase observed for J/ψ at mid-rapidity
- Reproduced qualitatively well by models that include production of heavy-quarks in MPI (PYTHIA8 Monash2018, EPOS3)
- Percolation model overestimates the increasing trend at high multiplicity

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- ✓ EMCAL analysis significantly extends the p_{τ} range (up to 30 GeV/c)
- Slope increases with the transverse momentum of J/ψ
 - described qualitatively well by PYTHIA8

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- Linear increase observed for J/ψ, Υ(1S) and Υ(2S) at forward rapidity (y-gap between multiplicity and quarkonium measurements)
- No significant dependence on mass and heavy quark content observed





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Production in p-Pb collisions

- Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM) effects:
 - (anti-)shadowing modifications for nuclear PDFs
 - gluon saturation, Colour Glass Condensate
 - parton energy loss
 - final state dissociation (absorption, comovers)



- Open questions: QGP formation in small systems ? Collectivity ?
- ✓ Two beam configurations: p-Pb / Pb-p (two energies: $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 5.02, 8.16 TeV)





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- Similar suppression observed for J/ψ and ψ(2S) at forward rapidity
- ψ(2S) suppressed significantly more than
 J/ψ at backward rapidity
 - Final state effects needed to explain ψ(2S) modification

 Similar suppression observed for J/ψ and Υ(1S) at both backward and forward rapidity



Azimuthal anisotropy (v_2)

- In a strongly interacting medium, pressure gradients convert any initial geometrical anisotropy into an anisotropy in the momentum space
 - anisotropy is quantified by the 2nd order coefficient v₂ of the Fourier expansion of the particle azimuthal angle distribution

$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} = \frac{N}{2\pi} \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos\left(n\left(\varphi - \Psi_R\right)\right) \right]$$
$$v_2 = \cos^2(\varphi_{part} - \Psi_E)$$

[Figure: Raimond Snellings New J. Phys. 13 (2011)]



- \checkmark In heavy-ion collisions non-zero ν_2 indicates the participation in the collective expansion of the system
- ✓ $J/\psi v_2$ measured looking at long-range angular correlations between backward / forward rapidity J/ ψ and charged hadrons produced at mid-rapidity (rapidity gap ~ 1.5)
- ✓ Non-zero v_2 observed for $p_T > 3$ GeV/c (~5 σ significance)
 - ✓ Similar v_2 compared to Pb-Pb measurements → very intriguing result: **common underlying mechanism** (besides what's included in current calculations) at the origin of J/ ψ v_2 ?
 - ✓ Initial conditions ?





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- ✓ Novel quarkonium production mechanism at the LHC energies → recombination phenomena from uncorrelated heavy quark pairs at the phase boundary

[P. Braun-Muzinger, J. Stachel, PLB 490(2000)196][R. L. Thews, M. Schroedter, J. Rafelski, Phys.Rev. C63 (2001) 054905]











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J/ψ elliptic (v_2) and triangular (v_3) flow $\psi_{10}^{(v)}$





• Evidence of $J/\psi v_2 > 0$ at both central and forward rapidity

- ✓ low p_{τ} : J/ ψv_2 consistent with hydrodynamic flow of charm quarks in QGP → regenerated J/ ψ inherit flow from deconfined (thermalized) charm quarks
- ν high p_{τ} : lower v_2 predicted by models
- consistent with results of open-charm flow
- First observation of **positive J/** ψ v_3 in Pb-Pb collisions (3.7 σ significance)
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- Analysis based on Pb-Pb data collected in 2015 and 2018
- \sim Υ(1S) v_2 compatible with zero and smaller than that of inclusive J/ ψ (2.6 σ significance excluding the lowest p_{τ} bin)
 - ✓ different relative importance of production mechanisms (dissociation vs regeneration) for J/ ψ and Υ (1S) ?
- Results compatible within uncertainties with values predicted by theoretical models:
 - Regeneration included in TAMU, but it gives no significant contribution to the $\Upsilon(1S) v_2$
 - differences between TAMU and KSU arise from dissociation mechanism and medium properties implemented

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- Powerful tool for **constrain models** → currently none of them is able to describe observed measurements already in pp collisions





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Impressive amount of quarkonium measurements provided by ALICE:

pp collisions:

- Fair description of the data provided by NRQCD(+CGC) in a wide range of momentum and rapidity
- Some tensions still present between data and models ($\psi(2S)$ / J/ ψ ratio, J/ ψ polarization)
- Multiplicity dependence: models including HF-production in MPI describe qualitatively the observed trends
- p-Pb collisions:
 - Models are not able to describe consistently all quarkonium results
 - ✓ Final-state effects needed to describe the ψ (2S) suppression at backward rapidity
 - ▶ Positive elliptic flow v_{γ} , comparable with Pb-Pb values → common underlying mechanism? Initial conditions ?

Pb-Pb collisions:

- ✓ J/ ψ results at both mid- and forward rapidity consistent with significant contribution from regeneration mechanism → Need higher precision on models (and data as well) for a better discrimination
- ✓ Strong suppression of $\Upsilon(1S)$ towards central Pb-Pb collisions; no significant dependence on y and p_{τ}
- Flow:
 - ✓ v_2 of J/ ψ suggests thermalization of charm quarks within the medium; positive v_3 of J/ ψ with 3.7 σ significance observed
 - \checkmark $\Upsilon(1S)$ v_2 compatible with zero and with values predicted by models
- New polarization measurements in Pb-Pb compatible with zero and with pp results

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- ALICE Upgrade foreseen for Run III-IV:
 - ✓ Continuous readout: high statistics minimum bias sample (target for Pb-Pb: $L_{int} = 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$) → significant improvement for low p_{τ} quarkonia at mid-rapidity
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BACK-UP

Quarkonia vs multiplicity



✓ EMCAL analysis significantly extends the p_{T} range (up to 30 GeV/c)

 PYTHIA8 calculations qualitatively describe the p_T dependent trends seen in data

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- Faster than linear increase observed also in p_{τ} bins
- Slope increases with the transverse momentum of J/ψ

J/ψ-hadron correlations



- Clear near side peak observed by correlating high- p_{τ} J/ ψ (p_{τ} > 5 GeV/c) and hadrons with p_{τ} > 1 GeV/c
- Qualitative good agreement observed with PYTHIA8 simulations
- ✓ Usage of full Run II statistics (gain of a factor ~100 expected for $p_{T}(J/\psi) > 5$ GeV/c) will improve significantly uncertainties allowing finer kinematic scan → **powerful tool to constrain models!**



mid-y



Nuclear modification factor R

Nuclear modification factor R_{pPb} is used to quantify medium effects:

 $R_{\mathrm{pA}}(y, p_{\mathrm{T}}) = rac{1}{A} rac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma_{\mathrm{pA}}/\mathrm{d}y \mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{T}}}{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma_{\mathrm{pp}}/\mathrm{d}y \mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{T}}}$

- Stronger J/ ψ suppression observed at forward rapidity
- \sim R_{DPb} compatible with unity at backward rapidity
- Good agreement between ALICE and LHCb results
- Fair agreement between data and models within the current experimental and theoretical uncertainties





- Similar increasing trend of R_{pPb} at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$ with p_{T} at mid-rapidity
- \sim $R_{\rm pPb}$ consistent with unity for $p_{\rm T} > 5 \, {\rm GeV}/c$
- fair agreement with models within uncertainties

J/ψ polarization

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 - None of the models is able to describe simultaneously all measurements



END-Y



Inclusive J/ ψ yields vs multiplicity in pp at \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV



 Significantly higher multiplicities exploited thanks to high-multiplicity triggered data!

RUN I mult. reach for J/ψ

✓ Very similar trend observed for open and hidden HF measurements → confirmation of Run I results

PYTHIA8 (Monash 2013)

- Initial hard processes
- Hard processes in MPI
- ISR / FSR

EPOS3

- Gribov-Regge formalism (MPI included)
- Hydro evolution of the system
- Kopeliovich et al.
 - contributions of higher Fock states

Percolation model

 Soft sources stronger affected than hard sources with increasing density (multiplicity)

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Polarization parameters

$$W(\cos\theta,\varphi) \propto \frac{1}{3+\lambda_{\theta}} \left[1 + \lambda_{\theta} \cos^2\theta + \lambda_{\varphi} \sin^2\theta \cos(2\varphi) + \lambda_{\theta\varphi} \sin(2\theta) \cos\varphi \right]$$



- Helicity: z-axis corresponds to the quarkonium flight direction in the center-of-mass of the colliding beams
- Collins-Soper: z-axis coincides with the bi-sector between the momenta of the two beams in the quarkonium rest frame



J/ψ triangular flow at forward-y



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FIG. 3: Distribution of nucleons on the transverse plane for a $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ Au+Au collision event with $\varepsilon_3=0.53$ from Glauber Monte Carlo. The nucleons in the two nuclei are shown in gray and black. Wounded nucleons (participants) are indicated as solid circles, while spectators are dotted circles.

ψ(2S) in Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV





- ✓ $\psi(2S)$ more suppressed than J/ ψ towards more central collisions
- Results compatible with CMS
- More precise measurements expected thanks to 2018 Pb-Pb data

