

Measurement of J/ψ photoproduction in ultra-peripheral Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200\text{GeV}$ using the PHENIX detector

The idea to use the strong electromagnetic fields present in high-energy nucleus nucleus collisions to study photoproduction at hadron colliders has attracted growing interest in recent years.

PHENIX measured J/ψ photo-production in ultra-peripheral (UPC) Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200\text{ GeV}$.

We define central UPC trigger as events with no activity in the Beam-Beam Counters, but activity in ZDC and EMCal.

This trigger selects the collisions with the impact parameter larger than twice the nuclear radius with a small background contribution from strong interactions. It provides a unique opportunity to study photo-production of hadrons by a strong electromagnetic field.

The purpose of the measurement of J/ψ photo-production cross section in ultra-peripheral collisions is to probe the gluon distribution at low- x .

We will report J/ψ cross section and its p_T dependence measured using the high luminosity 2007 data.

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