Advanced Topics in Particle Physics: LHC Physics

Part III: Heavy-Ion Physics

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6 Quarkonia

Quarkonia

- Quarkonia are heavy quark antiquark bound states, i.e. ccbar and bbar
- Since masses of charm and beauty quarks are high as compared to QCD scale parameter $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200$ MeV non-relativistic Schrödinger equation can be used to find bound states

$$(-rac{
abla^2}{2(m_Q/2)} + V(r))\Psi(\vec{r}) = E\Psi(\vec{r})$$

with quark-quark potential of the form

$$V(r) = kr - \frac{4}{3}\frac{\alpha_s}{r} + \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9}\frac{\vec{s_1}\cdot\vec{s_2}}{m_O^2}\delta(\vec{r}) + \dots$$

confinement color Coulomb int.

spin-spin int.

tensor, spin-orbit, higher order rel. corr.

• With $k \sim 0.9$ GeV/fm, $\alpha_s(m_q) \sim 0.35$ and 0.20 for $m_c = 1.5$ GeV and $m_b = 4.6$ GeV obtain spectrum of quarkonia

Charmonium States



	J/Ψ	χ	Ψ'
<i>m</i> (GeV)	3,1	~ 3,5	~ 3,68
<i>r</i> (fm)	~ 0,45	~ 0,70	~ 0,88



 $m_{\rm Charm-Quark} \approx 1.3 - 1.5 \,{\rm GeV}$

Debye Screening and Effective Heavy-Quark Potential in the QGP (I)



Effect of medium with finite temp. (i.e. QGP) on heavy-quark potential:

$$V(r) = -\frac{4}{3}\frac{\alpha_s}{r} + kr \to V_{\text{eff}}(r,T) = -\frac{4}{3}\frac{\alpha_s}{r}e^{-r/r_D(T)} + kr_D(T)\left(1 - e^{-r/r_D(T)}\right)$$

where
$$r_{\rm D}(T) \sim \frac{1}{g(T) \cdot T}, \quad \alpha_s = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \qquad g(T) \approx \frac{24\pi^2}{(33 - 2n_{\rm f})\ln(T/\Lambda)}$$

In the QGP the heavy-quark interaction is strongly screened for distances above the Debye screening length r_{D}

Debye Screening and Effective Heavy-Quark Potential in the QGP (II)



$$V_{
m eff}(r,T)
ightarrow -rac{4}{3}rac{lpha_s}{r}e^{-r/r_D}$$
 "Yukawa potential"

Unlike Coulomb potential, Yukawa potential does not always have bound states

→ Dissociation of quarkonia if r_D is sufficiently small, i.e., no bound states for hadrons with "Bohr" radius $r > r_D$

J/Ψ Suppression as a QGP Signal

- Charmonium will dissociate/cannot form in a QGP
- J/ψ suppression was proposed in 1986 by Matsui and Satz as a QGP signature (Phys. Lett. B 178 (1986) 416)

If high energy heavy ion collisions lead to the formation of a hot quark-gluon plasma, then colour screening prevents cc binding in the deconfined interior of the interaction region .../... It is concluded that J/Ψ suppression in nuclear collisions should provide an unambiguous signature of quark-gluon plasma formation

Different Dissociation Temperatures for Different ccbar and bbar States: A "QGP Thermometer"





Exact values very model dependent, but basic feature: J/Ψ , Ψ' , χ_c , Y' not bound at or little above T_c , Y survives much longer

Hadronization of Charm Quarks

All charm quarks have to appear in charmed hadrons at hadronization of the QGP. J/ ψ 's can form again from deconfined quarks in particular, if number of cc pairs is large (colliders) - $N_{J/\psi} \propto N_{cc}^{2}$ (P. Braun-Munzinger and J. Stachel, Phys. Lett. B490 (2000) 196)



Production of Charm and Beauty



Number of heavy-quark pairs per central PbPb or AuAu collision from these cross sections:

N(qq) per central AA (b=0)

	SPS	RHIC	LHC
charm	0.2	10	130
bottom		0.05	5

J/Ψ is only a small fraction of order of 1% of these 6% detected via $I^{\dagger}I^{-}$ decay

Measurement of Quarkonia

$$\begin{split} &\mathrm{BR}(\mathrm{J}/\psi\to\mathrm{hadrons})\approx0.88\\ &\mathrm{BR}(\mathrm{J}/\psi\to\mathrm{e^+e^-})\approx0.06\\ &\mathrm{BR}(\mathrm{J}/\psi\to\mu^+\mu^-)\approx0.06\\ &\mathrm{BR}(\psi'\to\mathrm{hadrons})\approx0.98\\ &\mathrm{of\ these\ }\mathrm{BR}(\psi'\to\mathrm{J}/\psi)\approx0.60\\ &\mathrm{BR}(\psi'\to\mu^+\mu^-)\approx0.008 \end{split}$$

J/ Ψ , Ψ ' and Υ via e+e- or μ + μ - χ_{c} very difficult, usually done via $\chi_{c} \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$

Of measured J/Ψ typically:

pprox 60% directly produced pprox 10% from $\psi' \to J/\psi$ pprox 30% from $\chi_c \to J/\psi$
$$\begin{split} & \mathrm{BR}(\Upsilon \to \mathrm{hadrons}) \approx 0.90 \\ & \mathrm{BR}(\Upsilon \to \mathrm{e^+e^-}) \approx 0.025 \\ & \mathrm{BR}(\Upsilon \to \mu^+\mu^-) \approx 0.025 \end{split}$$



J/Ψ production in PbPb collisions at SPS energy



In central PbPb collisions about 40% less J/ Ψ than expected from pA systematics

J/Ψ Suppression at RHIC



- At mid-rapidity suppression at RHIC very similar to SPS even though energy densities are larger
- Suppression at forward/backward rapidity stronger than at midrapidity!
- These general features are in agreement with J/Ψ formation from deconfined charm quarks ("recombination")

Quarkonium Production at RHIC and LHC in the Statistical Hadronization Model



Note: Stat. model does not make any prediction about ccbar production cross section, this is input; depending on ccbar cross section in nuclear collisions at LHC there can be J/Ψ enhancement

First ALICE Data on J/ ΨR_{AA} in Pb+Pb at the LHC



ALI-PREL-5534

J/ Ψ $R_{_{AA}}$ in central collisions is larger at LHC in 2.5<y<4 than at RHIC in 1.2<|y|<2.2. And shadowing at LHC estimated to be large. Conclusion: the $R_{_{AA}}$ for J/ Ψ is large! Could point to charm quark recombination. Advanced Topics in Particle Physics: LHC Physics – Heavy-Ion Physics

First information on Upsilon States in Pb+Pb at LHC



Consistent with expectation that more loosely bound 2S and 3S states are more strongly suppressed

7 Thermal Photons

Motivation for Measuring Direct Photons in Heavy-Ion Collisions

High *p*_T (> 6 GeV/*c*):

- High-p_T direct photons produced in initial hard parton-parton scatterings
- Photons leave the subsequently produced medium (quark-gluon plasma !?) unaltered
- Test hard scattering predictions
- Measure rate of hard processes

Low / Intermediate p_{T} :

- Low p_T thermal direct photons expected to reflect the initial temperature of the thermalized fireball
- Temperatures above T_c indicate quark-gluon plasma phase
- Search for evidence for jetplasma interactions?

Known and Expected Photon Sources



Schematic Photon Spectrum in A+A



- Thermal photons expected to be significant contribution below p_T ~ 3 GeV/c
- Hard photons dominant direct photon source for $p_{T} > \sim 6 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Jet-photon conversion might be significant contribution below p_T ~
 6 GeV/c

Calculation: Sources of Direct Photons in Au+Au Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 200 GeV



Turbide, Rapp, Gale, Phys. Rev. C 69 (014902), 2004

Window for thermal photons from QGP in this calculation: $p_{T} = 1 - 3 \text{ GeV}/c$

Direct Photons in A+A Collisions: Measurements

- So far (January 2012) only two measurements
 - Central Pb+Pb collisions at Vs_{NN} = 17.3 GeV (WA98)
 - Central Au+Au collisions at Vs_{NN} = 200 GeV (PHENIX)
- After an photon excess has been established experimentally, one needs to figure out whether there is a contribution from thermal direct photons. This needs theoretical guidance.
- Methods:
 - Measure photons with electromagnetic calorimeter (WA98, PHENIX)
 - Measure virtual photons ($\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-$),

and assume
$$\frac{\gamma_{\text{direct}}}{\gamma_{\text{inclusive}}} = \frac{\gamma_{\text{direct}}^*}{\gamma_{\text{inclusive}}^*}\Big|_{m_{ee} < 30 \,\text{MeV}}$$
 (PHENIX)

Direct Photon Measurement by WA98



- No signal in peripheral collisions
- 20% photon excess in central Pb+Pb collisions
- Interpretation od the excess: Consistent with QGP scenario but also with a hadronic scenario + initial state effects

158 AGeV Pb + Pb: $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ | 17,3 GeV

Phys.Rev.Lett.85:3595-3599,2000

Internal Conversion Methods: Results



 Enhancement in Au+Au above p+p described by an exponential (as expected for a thermal source)

$$Y_{Au+Au} = N_{\text{coll}} \cdot Y_{p+p} + A \cdot e^{-p_T/T}$$

Slope parameter (0-20%):
 T = (221 ± 23 ± 18) MeV

Initial temp. from hydro: $T_i = 300 \dots 600 \text{ MeV}$



Expected to be a lower limit for the initial temperature T_i !

Direct Photon v_2 (**PHENIX**)

PHENIX, arXiv:1105.4126 (\rightarrow link)



Large direct photon v_2 is a challenge to theory because most thermal photons are expected to be created early (when the temp. is largest and) when v_2 has not fully built up