Using Identified Particles to Probe the Medium Produced at RHIC

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• Yields are well reproduced by

statistical/thermal models

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Quarks (and gluons) are the relevant degrees of freedom

At RHIC there's a new state of matter

The QGP is the:

hottest (T=200-400 MeV ~ 2.5 10^{12} K) densest (ϵ = 30-60 $\epsilon_{nuclear matter}$)

matter ever studied in the lab.

It flows as a

(nearly) perfect fluid

with systematic patterns, consistent with

quark degree of freedom

and a viscosity to entropy density ratio

lower

than any other known fluid.

Now want to learn more about properties

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Problem: saturation of R_{AA} Medium appears black to light hadrons

> Need to increase sensitivity to medium density

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 Gluon jets have a higher probability of fragmenting into a proton
 p come predominantly from glue at high p_T

Proton R_{AA} should reflect the stronger suppression of gluons



- Perhaps not sensitive?



No sign of this, in fact appears to go the wrong way - Perhaps not sensitive?

Theory: The more realistic the calculation, the smaller effect

- saturation of suppression in dense regions of the medium
- hadron probes do not equal quark probes (FF?)
- conversion reaction $(q \rightarrow g \text{ or } g \rightarrow q)$

Using heavy flavor as gray probe

- Heavy quark energy loss
 - Prediction: less than light quark energy loss (dead cone effect)





Dokshitzer and Kharzeev, PLB 519 (2001) 199.

Using heavy flavor as gray probe



Why is heavy flavor different?

- Heavy quarks too massive to be produced in thermal bath
- Produced in initial hard scattering of partons
 - Dominant: $gg \rightarrow QQ$
 - Production rates from pQCD
 - Sensitive to initial gluon distributions
- Expect heavy flavor crosssection to scale with N_{bin}
- Must pass through medium before detection



Charm and bottom good probes of produced medium

High Q² scatterings - calibrated probes?



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Measuring open heavy flavor

Hadronic decay channels

- $D^0 \rightarrow K \pi$ (B.R.: 3.8%)
- $D^{\pm} \rightarrow K \pi p$ (B.R.: 9.1%)
- $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^{0}\pi$ (B.R.: 68% × 3.8% ($D^{0} \rightarrow K \pi$) = 2.6%)
- $\Lambda_c \rightarrow p \ \text{K} \pi$ (B.R.: 5%)

Pro:

- Direct clean identification (*peak*)
 Cons:
 - No trigger
 - Large combinatorial background
 - Need handle on decay vertex
 - charm cτ~100-200 μm
 - bottom cτ~400-500 μm
 - ◆ ⇒ requires high resolution silicon vertex detectors

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Semileptonic decay channels

- $c \rightarrow \ell^+ + anything$ (B.R.: 9.6%)
 - $D^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ + anything$ (B.R.: 6.87%)
 - $D^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} + anything$ (B.R.: 17.2%)
- b \rightarrow ℓ^+ + anything (B.R.: 10.9%)
 - $B^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} + anything$ (B.R.: 10.2%)

Pro:

Can deploy (simple) trigger

Cons:

- Continuum: cannot disentangle bottom and charm contributions?
- "*Photonic*" Electron Background:
 - γ conversions ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$)
 - π⁰, η, η' Dalitz decays
 - ρ, ϕ, \dots decays (small)
 - Ke3 decays (small)

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PHENIX

- Simulate background e[±] from "cocktail" of measured sources (γ,π⁰,η, etc.)
- Measure e[±] with converter, extrapolate to 0 rad. length



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Reconstructing the $D^0 {\rightarrow} K \pi$



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Conversion to total cross-section

Example from Cu+Cu D⁰ measurement:

$$\sigma_{c\overline{c}}^{NN} = dN_{D^0}^{Cu+Cu} / dy \times \sigma_{inel}^{pp} / N_{bin}^{Cu+Cu} \times f / R$$
$$dN_{D^0} / dy = 0.360 \pm 0.078 \text{ (stat.)}$$
number of binary collisions $N_{binary}^{Cu+Cu} = 80.4 \pm 5.9 \pm 5.6$ 0 - 60% Centrality p+p inelastic cross section $\sigma_{inel}^{pp} = 42 \text{ mb}$
conversion to full rapidity $f = 4.7 \pm 0.7$
ratio from e⁺e⁻ collider data $R = N_{D^0} / N_{c\overline{c}} = 0.54 \pm 0.05$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_{c\overline{c}}^{NN} = 1.64 \pm 0.36 \text{ (stat.) mb}$
sys. error from dN/dy to σ conversion = +0.17 - 0.18 mb

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Comparison of PHENIX and STAR

Discrepancy:

- There for all collision types
- There even when using multiple measuring techniques
- Constant as a function of p_T
- What's being done to resolve issue?
- Cross experiment meetings
- Low material 2008 run by STAR
 Watch this space





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- radiative energy loss with typical gluon densities is not enough (Djordjevic et al., PLB 632(2006)81)
- models involving a very opaque medium agree better (Armesto et al., PLB 637(2006)362)
- collisional energy loss / resonant elastic scattering (Wicks et al., nucl-th/0512076, van Hees & Rapp, PRC 73(2006)034913)
- ➡ heavy quark fragmentation and dissociation in the medium → strong suppression for charm and bottom (Adil & Vitev, hep-ph/0611109)
- Radiative energy loss in a finite dynamical QCD medium

Djordjevic & Heinz, arXiv:0802.1230v1 (2008)

 Universal upper bound on Eloss see talks by D. Kharzeev
Expectations for non-photonic e[±] R_{AA}



- R_{AA} combination of c and b
- Different suppression for c and b

Little suppression of heavy flavor

Disentangling charm and bottom



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Finding c/b: method 1 - PHENIX

Separate $c \rightarrow e$ component using the charge correlation of K and e from D-meson decay.



D-mesons decay into unlike sign e-K pairs:

 $\overline{D} \to K^+ e^- X$ $D \to K^- e^+ X$

B-meson decays are like sign e-K pairs (there's a small contribution from unlike pairs(1/6))

Can determine the contribution of $c \rightarrow e$ by measuring the fraction associated with opposite sign kaon, or opposite sign charged hadron

(Actual analysis is done as e-h charge (i.e. no kaon PID) correlation for higher statistic)

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 Away-side peak shape: remarkable agreement between LO PYTHIA and MC@NLO



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- Contribution is very small



 $N(D^{*+}+D^{*-})/N(jets) = (1.5 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-2}$

0.2<z<0.5, <E_T> ~ 11 GeV

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Beauty appears to be strongly suppressed

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$$R_{AA} = \frac{Y_{AA}^c + Y_{AA}^b}{\langle N_{bin} \rangle (\sigma_{pp}^c + \sigma_{pp}^b)} = rR_{AA}^b + (1 - r)R_{AA}^c \text{ where } r = \frac{\sigma_{pp}^b}{\sigma_{pp}^c + \sigma_{pp}^b}$$
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Reminder when measured w.r.t. reaction plane: dN/dφ ~ 1+2 v₂(p_T)cos(2φ) + v₂ measures Elliptic Flow

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- If there's significant collisional energy loss is heavy flavor thermalized?
- Naïve kinematical argument: need M_c/T ~ 7 times more collisions to thermalize
- NPE carry v₂ of parent



Open heavy flavor summary

Binary scaling of total charm cross-section

Large cross-section compared to theory

NPE indicate strong suppression at high p_{T}

similar to that of light hadrons

Significant Bottom contribution to NPE measure

Small gluon splitting contribution

Significant elliptic flow of NPE sufficient collisions for thermalization?

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Different (lattice) calculations do not agree on what is screened at what temperature – measurements will have to tell!

What theory appears to agree on is:

 $T_{diss}(\psi') \approx T_{diss}(\chi_c) < T_{diss}(\Upsilon(3S)) < T_{diss}(J/\psi) \approx T_{diss}(\Upsilon(2S)) < T_{diss}(\Upsilon(1S))$

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RHIC J/ ψ at a glance ...

- PHENIX Au+Au data shows suppression at mid-rapidity about the same as seen at the SPS at lower energy but
- stronger suppression at forward rapidity
- Forward/Mid R_{AA} ratio looks flat above a centrality with N_{part} = 100

<u>Several effects contribute:</u> Cold nuclear matter (CNM) effects

- absorption
- (anti-) shadowing

Feeddown from $\chi_C \& \psi'$

- removing their feed-down contribution to J/ ψ at both SPS & RHIC

Regeneration

 gives enhancement that compensates for screening

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 $\sigma_{Breakup}$ =4.2+/-0.5mb (which did not use EKS or similar)

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Study for SPS: Can explain J/ ψ suppression with melting of ψ ', χ_c and hence the absence of feed-down

Another very challenging measurement!

Right or wrong, it shows how important the χ_c measurement is!

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No suppression at high-p_T?

- STAR beginning to measure J/ $\psi,$ especially at larger p_{T}
 - Consistent with PHENIX measurements
- RHIC: Cu+Cu, consistent with no suppression at $p_T > 5$ GeV





J/ψ summary

p+p

- Agreement between PHENIX and STAR and Theory
- Significant feed-down contribution from ψ ', χ_c

d+Au

- Cold nuclear matter effects are significant
- Break-up cross-section similar to SPS

A+A

- Suppression of R_{AA} at low p_T
 - similar to SPS
 - strong function of rapidity
- No suppression seen at high p_T

The future

Analysis of run 7 Au-Au data ongoing

- high statistics J/ ψ and good statistics Υ

Analysis of run 8 d-Au, p+p

- better understanding of cold nuclear matter effects
- better understanding of differences between STAR/PHENIX

Next Au-Au run

- full TOF, less material and DAQ1000 for STAR
 - better statistics, less background

RHIC-II + Inner vertex detector upgrades for both PHENIX & STAR

- Reconstruction of decay vertices of open charm
 - Direct measurement D_s and Λ_c

Repeat at LHC in more detail