Measurements of the prompt and non-prompt J/ψ production in Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV with ALICE

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Prompt charmonium production





- Suppression of the direct charmonium due to color screening and the dynamic dissociation
- Charm quark production cross section at the LHC is very large, and the (re)generation contribution to the J/ψ is significant.

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Mass dependent parton energy loss





- The heavier parton losses less energy.
- Non-prompt charmonium is from the beauty hadron decays: corresponding measurements can contribute to the study of the mass dependence of parton energy loss.

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Prompt and non-prompt J/ ψ at 5.02 TeV Pb-Pb collisions (S. Zhu)



Charmonium measurements with the ALICE detector (Run 2)











- > Inclusive J/ψ yields are shown as a function of p_T at **mid- (left) and forward (right)** rapidity in central collisions
- > Two transport models describe the data within uncertainties
- > SHMc agrees with data at low $p_{\rm T}$, and underestimates the measurement at high $p_{\rm T}$

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- Evidence for J/ψ (re-)generation at low p_T
- \blacktriangleright Transport and SHMc models describe data at low $p_{\rm T}$, while SHMc underestimates the measurement at high $p_{\rm T}$ The energy loss model agrees with data at high $p_{\rm T}$

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- > Evidence for J/ ψ (re-)generation in central collisions, with a larger contribution at midrapidity compared to forward rapidity
- All models can describe the data but suffer from large uncertainties related to inputs used in calculations (eg. charm cross section, shadowing).

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> Decreasing trend for r_{AA} from semicentral toward central collisions

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→ r_{AA} below unity indicates a softening of the J/ ψ p_T shape in Pb-Pb collisions compared to pp collisions, the behavior is different from the lower center-of-mass energies

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- Sensitive to hadronization mechanisms for open and hidden charm hadrons
- The centrality-dependent trend of the D⁰ to
 J/ψ ratio can be explained by the increase
 of charm fugacity towards most central
 collisions according to SHMc prediction





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Non-prompt (left) and prompt (right) J/ψ p_T spectra are compared with models.
 All the models seem to overestimate data of non-prompt J/ψ, the SHMc and BT agree with data within uncertainties for the prompt J/ψ at low p_T



$p_{\rm T}$ dependence of prompt and non-prompt J/ $\psi R_{\rm AA}$





- $> R_{AA} \text{ extended down to } p_{T} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c \text{ and compatible within uncertainties with ATLAS and CMS measurements in the common } p_{T} \text{ range}$
- \blacktriangleright ALICE non-prompt J/ ψ and D⁰ are compatible within uncertainties

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- > Non-prompt $J/\psi R_{AA}$ described within uncertainties by models implementing energy loss contributions from collisional and radiative process
- > POWLANG calculations, which include only collisional contributions, overestimate the R_{AA} at intermediate and high p_T
- The SHMc model and transport microscopic calculations that include a contribution from regeneration are compatible with the measured prompt $J/\psi R_{AA}$ at low p_T

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- Inclusive J/ψ
 - Dominant contribution from (re-)generation in central collisions and low $p_{\rm T}$
 - Softening of the J/ ψ p_T shape in Pb–Pb collisions compared to pp collisions
- Prompt and non-prompt J/ψ
 - R_{AA} extended down to $p_T = 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$
 - Strong suppression observed for non-prompt J/ψ





Thanks