



$\psi(2S)$ production in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV with ALICE

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Quarkonium as a probe of QGP in Pb–Pb





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- Suppression of the direct charmonium due to color screening and dissociation.
- Recombination enhanced the charmonium production • close to the transition at LHC energies.

 $\psi(2S)$ and J/ψ :

- A factor of 10 differ in binding energy. ٠
- A factor of 2 differ in system size.

Studying both J/ ψ and ψ (2S) can provide insightful information to test the recombination models.



Quarkonium measurements with ALICE detector





Muon spectrometer

Trigger and tracking for muons Acceptance : 2.5<y<4.0

Inner Tracking System Tracking, vertex reconstruction

V0 Detector

Centrality determination triggering, and reaction plane measurement

Time Projection Chamber

Tracking, particle identification

Measured $p_{\rm T}$ can be down to 0





- Data collected in 2015 and 2018, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of $L_{int} \sim 750 \ \mu b^{-1}$.
- $\psi(2S)$ and J/ ψ yield extracted by least X² fits to the opposite sign dimuon invariant mass spectrum.
- In total, $N_{\psi(2S)} \approx 1.3 \times 10^4$, $N_{J/\psi} \approx 9.2 \times 10^5$.



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pp reference at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV





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- $\sigma_{J/\psi} (p_T < 20 \text{ GeV}/c) = 5.88 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.34 \text{ }\mu\text{b}; \sigma_{\psi(2S)} (p_T < 12 \text{ GeV}/c) = 0.87 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.10 \text{ }\mu\text{b}.$
- Data are well described by models within uncertainties.

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- No centrality dependence is observed for $\psi(2S) R_{AA}$.
- $\psi(2S)$ is more suppressed.
- Statistical Hadronization Model (SHMc) underestimates $\psi(2S) R_{AA}$ in central collisions, but reproduces J/ ψR_{AA} well.

(Phys Lett B797 (2019) 134836)

Transport Model (TAMU) agrees with data well. (Nucl. Phys. A 943 (2015) 147-158)

$$R_{\rm AA} = \frac{1}{\langle T_{\rm AA} \rangle} \frac{{\rm d}^2 N_{\rm AA} / dy dp_{\rm T}}{{\rm d}^2 \sigma_{\rm pp} / dy dp_{\rm T}}$$







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- Measurements agree with CMS measurements at overlapping $p_{\rm T}$ range.
- $\psi(2S)$ shows a stronger suppression over the full $p_{\rm T}$ range.
- Smaller suppression at low $p_{\rm T}$.
- TAMU model reproduces both centrality and $p_{\rm T}$ dependence of $R_{\rm AA}$ for both $\psi(2S)$ and J/ ψ .

\rightarrow Hint of regeneration at low $p_{\rm T}$.





- SPS results reach smaller $\psi(2S)$ -to-J/ ψ single and double ratios values for central events.
- the $\psi(2S)$ suppression in Pb–Pb w.r.t pp is larger than the J/ ψ one by a factor ~ 2
- SHMc underestimates the $\psi(2S)$ -to-J/ ψ ratio in central collisions; TAMU agrees with data.



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- Flat centrality dependence for (double) ratio at the LHC.
- Decreasing trend from peripheral to central collisions at RHIC and SPS.
 →Hint of regeneration at LHC

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- $\psi(2S)$ -to-J/ ψ ratio increase as a function of p_T for both pp and Pb-Pb.
- Pb-Pb ratio tends to show a slower rise.
- The double ratio values tend to decrease with $p_{\rm T}$, down to a value of ~0.5, indicating a corresponding possible increase of the relative suppression of the $\psi(2S)$.





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Prospective: Run 3 upgrade











• **First measurement** of $\psi(2S)$ in central barrel in ALICE.

See Yuan Zhang's talk

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- $\psi(2S)$ -to-J/ ψ ratio measurements at midrapidity and forward rapidity.
- Opportunity to measure ratio and double ratio at both midrapidity and forward rapidity, with better precision.

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- $\psi(2S)$ production in Pb–Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV:
 - No centrality dependence of the $\psi(2S) R_{AA}$ and (double) ratio within uncertainties.
 - An increase of the $\psi(2S)$ suppression at high p_T with respect to low p_T .
 - $\psi(2S)$ is more suppressed compared to J/ ψ , by a factor ~2.
 - TAMU model describes data well; SHMc model agree with data at low $p_{\rm T}$.

• Outlook:

- Better statistics and tracking performance with ALICE Run 3 upgrades.
- Opportunity to measure ratio and double ratio at both midrapidity and forward rapidity.





Thanks





Backup







- SHMc:
 - charmonia are assumed to be formed at hadronization according to statistical weights and introducing a charm fugacity factor related to charm conservation and determined by the charm production cross section.
 - In the frame of SHMc it can be more appropriate to use the word "combination" rather than "recombination" as there is no binding of charmonium states in the QGP phase.
- TAMU:
 - dissociation and recombination rates for quarkonium states in the QGP are calculated taking into account a lattice-QCD inspired evaluation of the dependence of their spectral properties on the evolving thermodynamic properties of the medium.

The availability of accurate experimental results for various charmonium states represents a crucial input for the evaluation of the theory approaches and ultimately for the understanding of the existence of bound states of heavy quarks in the QGP.





- Results from Run 2, 2015 + 2018 combined
- Integrated Luminosity $\approx 750 \ \mu b 1$
- 4*10^8 dimuon triggered, F=13.1
- Muon pair selection:
 - Pseudo rapidity on each muon $-4.0 < \eta < -2.5$
 - Radial transverse position at the end of the absorber 17.6<Rabs<89.5cm
 - Rapidity of the dimuon 2.5<y<4.0
 - Muons of opposite sign
 - Matching tracks between tracking chambers and trigger
- Event selection:
 - Beam gas and electromagnetic interactions rejected using V0 and ZDC
 - SPD used for vertex determination
- Centrality estimated on a Glauber model fit of the V0 amplitud 2024/11/16 ψ(2S) production in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE







	Vs centrality (%)	Vs p _T (%)
Signal extraction	16-22	12-25
Tracking efficiency	3*	3
Trigger efficiency	1.6*	1.5-2
Matching efficienty	1*	1
MC input	2*	2
Normalization factor	0.7*	0.7*
$\langle T_{AA} \rangle$	0.7-2.3	1*
Centrality estimation	0-7	0.3*
pp reference	4.7*	7.9-11.1



Detector



- Muon Arm : J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$, $\mathbf{Y}(nS) \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}$
- Acceptance : 2.5<y<4.0
- Down to $p_{\rm T} = 0$
- Inclusive charmonia only
- 5 stations of tracking chambers
- 2 stations of trigger chambers
- Dipole Magnet
- Absorbers
- ITS used for vertex determination
- V0 hodoscopes used as trigger (in coincidence with Muon Trigger)
- V0 also used for centrality determination
- V0 and ZDC used for background rejection



Illustration of ALICE Detector during Run 2







- $\psi(2S)$ yield extracted by χ^2 minimization fits the opposite sign dimuon invariant mass spectrum using :
 - 2 signal functions
 - Several line shapes are used for the signal functions
 - Combinatorial Background substracted with mixed-event technique
 - Remaining background fitted with several empirical functions
 - The mass of the $\psi(2S)$ is fixed to the one of the J/ ψ via the mass difference of the two resonances as provided by the Particle Data Group
 - Several fit ranges



Central<12GeV/c; peripheral0.3-12: remove photoproduction ${\scriptstyle \tt ALI-DER-531883}$ at low pt



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