

Exotic and conventional quarkonia in medium and implications for the EIC

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Exotic heavy meson spectroscopy and structure with EIC



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Outline



- Conventional quarkonia measurements in medium
 - Effects we can study
 - Example: Charmonia and model comparisons
- First results on exotic quarkonia in medium
 - X(3872) in *pp/p*Pb/PbPb at the LHC
- EIC hadronization inside the nucleus becomes important
- Summary



Conventional charmonia





Diffuse medium

Increasing T, N_{ch}

Dense medium

• Use (mostly) understood quarkonia states to as a calibrated probe of non-perturbative effects in dense many-body hadronic systems.























prepare environments where these different competing effects dominate.







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 $\Delta u \times \sigma_{nn}$



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- Models require some final-state interaction to reproduce data
- Quark-gluon plasma not expected to be dominant effect in small collision systems



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Application to exotics



- Using known states (charmonia), we have identified effects that are sensitive to the state's structure: binding energy/size
- We can apply similar techniques to study an unknown state: X(3872)

Compact

Molecule





X(3872) production in pp



- Candidates / (1.0 MeV/ c^2) 400 200 3900 3840 3860 3880 $M_{J/\psi\pi^{+}\pi^{-}}$ [MeV/c²]
- Overpredicts yield at lower p_T
- **Room for additional effect** ٠

FONLL describes non-prompt

Examine X(3872)/ ψ (2S) ratio for direct comparison between exotic hadron and well-known conventional charmonium



X(3872)/ψ(2S) vs multiplicity











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Compact tetraquark of size 1.3 fm gradually dissociated as multiplicity increases – consistent with data



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- Comparison between X(3872) and ψ(2S) suggests *something different* may be happening to exotic vs conventional hadrons in medium
- Initial state effects (eg shadowing) should largely cancel in ratio
- Enhancing effects start to out compete breakup?

Prompt X(3872)/ ψ (2S) = 0.27 ± 0.08 ± 0.05 in forward pPb Prompt X(3872)/ ψ (2S) = 0.36 ± 0.15 ± 0.11 in backward pPb Falls between pp (~0.1) and PbPb (~1.0)



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2017 PREDICTION: X(3872) enhanced in pA

Nuclear effects on tetraquark production by double parton scattering

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Abstract. In this work we study the nuclear effects in exotic meson production. We estimate the total cross section as a function of the energy for pPb scattering using a version of the color evaporation model (CEM) adapted to Double Parton Scattering (DPS). We fond that the cross section grows significantly with the atomic number, indicating that the hypothesis of tetraquark states can be tested in pA collisions at LHC.

Enhanced DPS has since been observed in pPb: PRL 125 212001 (2020)

Both of these effects drive X(3872)/ ψ (2S) ratio upwards





























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Yield favors higher multiplicity collisions, reminiscent of deuteron. Evidence for hadronic molecule structure?







What can EIC tell us about exotics





Charm production inside the nucleus probes:

- Parton structure of nucleons
- nPDF modifications
- QCD energy loss

In the kinematic range accessed by the EIC, hadronization *inside the nucleus* becomes an important effect on observables



Vitev, 1912.10965



Filtering States with the Nucleus

• Quarkonia is subject to breakup as it crosses the nucleus – suppression due to disruption of the $Q\bar{Q}$ pair



- Larger (weakly bound) states sample a larger volume of the nucleus while passing through larger absorption cross section Arleo, Gossiaux, Gousset, Aichelin PRC 61 (2000) 054906
- Explains trends observed in fixed target data at FNAL, SPS
- As expected, fails at RHIC (hadronization occurs outside nucleus) PHENIX PRL 111 202301 (2013)



Filtering States with the Nucleus – X(3872)

Apply the same idea to exotic state X(3872):



Tightly bound compact tetraquark has small radius, could more easily escape nucleus unscathed

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The well-known conventional $\psi(2S)$ and exotic X(3872) are both accessible through $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ decays:



¹⁹⁷Au

Propagation through Nuclei

- In Monte Carlo simulation, populate a Glauber nucleus, using parameters from PHOBOS model: arXiv:1408.2549
- Randomly select starting point for $Q\bar{Q}$ pair
- Propagate $Q\bar{Q}$ along z axis
- Following model of Arleo *et al.* in Phys Rev C, 61 054906 (2000), expand $Q\bar{Q}$ radius as a function of time:

 $r_{c\bar{c}}(\tau) = \begin{cases} r_0 + v_{c\bar{c}} & \tau & \text{if } r_{c\bar{c}}(\tau) \leq r_i \\ r_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- Calculate radius-dependent cross section: $\sigma_{(c\bar{c})_1N} = \sigma_{\psi N}(s) \cdot (r_{c\bar{c}}/r_{\psi})^2$
- If the state comes within a distance of $\sqrt{\sigma_{c\bar{c}}/\pi}$ to a nucleon, consider it disrupted.
- Three cases: $\psi(2S)$ with radius 0.87 fm, compact X(3872) with radius 1 fm, molecular X(3872) with radius 7 fm



Relative modification of X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ at EIC



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- What uncertainties do we expect on this data from EIC?
- Need to know X(3872) production rate in EIC collisions
- Current data is from:
 - B factories (via decays, not so relevant for prompt production)
 - Tevatron and LHC (~TeV to ~10 TeV)



Summary

- Heavy quark hadrons are an important probe of the nuclear medium created in heavy ion collisions
- We can flip this around and use the medium to probe poorly understood hadrons
- Utilizing hadronization *inside the nucleus* at the EIC gives us a new way to probe the structure of exotic hadrons



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X(3872) in PbPb



SHMC model: Significant increase in X(3872) predicted for central AA collisions

Yield reaches up to ~1% of J/ψ yield

AMPT model: difference in molecule vs diquark-diquark coalescence gives dramatically different yields and centrality dependence:

 $N_{molecule} > N_{tetraquark}$

Transport calculation: molecules have larger reaction rate, formed later in fireball evolution

 $N_{tetraquark} > N_{molecule}$







$X(3872)/\psi(2S)$ in PbPb





X(3872) measurement at LHCb



Select collisions of various charged particle multiplicity to vary density of comoving medium

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state	η_c	J/ψ	χ_{c0}	χ_{c1}	χ_{c2}	ψ'
mass [GeV]	2.98	3.10	3.42	3.51	3.56	3.69
ΔE [GeV]	0.75	0.64	0.32	0.22	0.18	0.05

Satz hep-ph/0512217

Table 1: Charmonium states and binding energies

state	Υ	<u>χ</u> 60	X 61	X62	Υ'	X'50	Хы1	χ'_{b2}	Υ"
mass [GeV]	9.46	9.86	9.89	9.91	10.02	10.23	10.26	10.27	10.36
ΔE [GeV]	1.10	0.70	0.67	0.64	0.53	0.34	0.30	0.29	0.20

Table 2: Bottomonium states and binding energies

