

# Heavy Quarkonium suppression in a fireball

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# Introduction

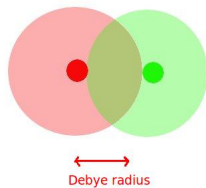
# The original idea of Matsui and Satz (1986)

- Quarkonia is quite stable in the vacuum.
- Phenomena of colour screening, quantities measurable in Lattice QCD at finite temperature (static) support this. For example Polyakov loop.
- Dissociation of heavy quarkonium in heavy-ion collisions due to colour screening signals the creation of a quark-gluon plasma.

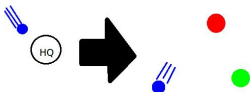
# Colour screening

$$V(r) = -\alpha_s \frac{e^{-m_D r}}{r}$$

At finite temperature



## Another mechanism, the decay width



- This effect makes the peak in the spectral function broader. It can arrive to a point where it is so broad that it does not make sense to speak of a bound state anymore.

## Laine et al. perturbative potential (2007)

$$V(r) = -\alpha_s C_F \left[ m_D + \frac{e^{-m_D r}}{r} \right] - i\alpha_s T C_F \phi(m_D r)$$

with

$$\phi(x) = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dz z}{(z^2 + 1)^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\sin(zx)}{zx} \right)$$

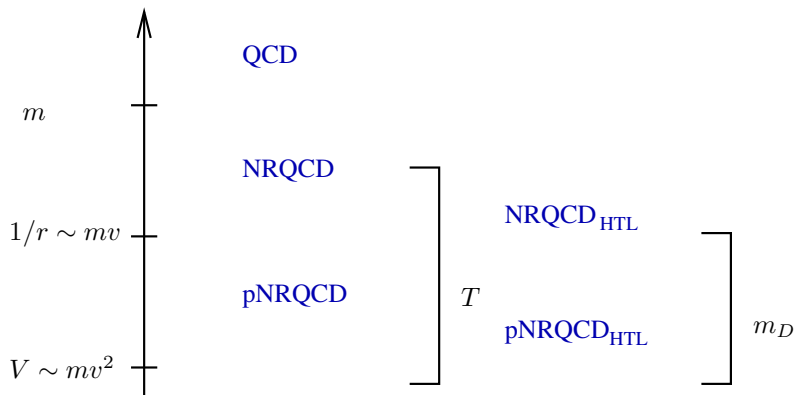
- This potential was obtained through the Wilson loop in Minkowski space at finite temperature.
- It has an imaginary part that has to be related with a decay width.

# Question

- We talked in a generic way of a **potential**.
- It is historically assumed that HQ in a medium follows a **Schrödinger eq.** How do we show this from first principles? **What is the potential** that one has to put in?
- Use modern **EFT** techniques that have been succesful in  $T = 0$  computations.



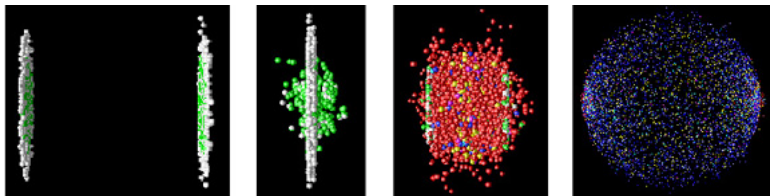
# Effective field theories



(Brambilla, Ghiglieri, Petreczky And Vairo, M. A. E and Soto)  
Talks of P. Petreczky and S. Biondini in this workshop.

# Out of equilibrium

We have a explosion



Assumption 1:

- Medium homogeneous in space and isotropic with an effective temperature  $T_{eff}$ .

# What is measured?

- HQ is detected by its decay into leptons.
- Electromagnetic process, much slower than the physics that happens inside the fireball.

## Assumption 2:

- HQ is measured through the decay into leptons that happens after freeze-out.

# What is measured?

$$\int d^4x d^4y e^{i(k_1+k_2)(x_1-x_2)} \text{Tr}(\rho J^\mu(x) J_\mu(y))$$

(in thermal eq. McLerran and Toimela (1985))

where

- $J_\mu$  is the electromagnetic current and we focus on the component given by HQs.
- $k_1$  and  $k_2$  is the momentum of the out-going leptons.
- $x_0, y_0 \gg t_{FO}$ , where  $t_{FO}$  is the time in which we arrive to freeze-out.

Assumption 2:(in a more precise way)

In computing the lepton emission rate the integration from  $x_0 = 0$  to  $x_o = t_{FO}$  is negligible. The same happens for  $y_0$ .

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Setting of the problem

Compute  $\text{Tr}(\rho J^\mu(t_{FO}, \mathbf{x}) J_\mu(t_{FO}, \mathbf{y}))$  assuming that we know  $\text{Tr}(\rho J^\mu(t_0, \mathbf{x}) J_\mu(t_0, \mathbf{y}))$  at some previous time. Assume that after  $t_{FO}$  evolution is like in the vacuum.

The case  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff}$

# Electromagnetic current in NRQCD

Because  $M \gg \frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff}$  we can start with the NRQCD Lagrangian at  $T = 0$ .

We also need to know what is  $J_\mu$  in NRQCD.

$$J^0(x) = Q(\psi^\dagger(x)\psi(x) - \chi^\dagger(x)\chi(x))$$

The Fourier transform of this part does not contribute to lepton emission.  
Emission of soft photons.

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$$J^i(x) = Q(e^{i2m_Q t} \psi^\dagger(x) \sigma^i \chi(x) - e^{-i2m_Q t} \chi^\dagger(x) \sigma^i \psi(x))$$

Color singlet with a spin  $S = 1$ .

$$\text{Tr}(\rho \psi^\dagger(x) \sigma^i \chi(x) \chi^\dagger(y) \sigma^i \psi(y))$$



# Electromagnetic current in pNRQCD

Because  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff}$  we can start with **pNRQCD Lagrangian at  $T = 0$** .  
Now we need the electromagnetic current in pNRQCD

$$\chi_i^\dagger(x) \sigma^i \psi_j(x) \rightarrow S_{ij}(x)$$

$i$  and  $j$  are spinorial index that we normally do not write. Isotropy assumes that all directions of polarization are equally probable.

$$Tr(\rho S^\dagger(x) S(y))$$

- $S$  has to be understood as the projection to the spin 1 state.
- It is the number of particles operator, which makes sense.

## Ordering matters

In previous works we computed the time-ordered correlator

$$\langle \mathcal{T} S(y) S^\dagger(x) \rangle,$$

gives information about the **binding energy** and the **decay width**. Compare with lattice and check if you are describing well thermal equilibrium.

Now we compute

$$\text{Tr}(\rho S^\dagger(x) S(y)),$$

information about the distribution of particles. Relevant to compare with experiments.

pNRQCD is a QFT, so is able to deal with the two types of correlators.

# The Lagrangian of pNRQCD, transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{pNRQCD} = & \int d^3\mathbf{r} \text{Tr} [S^\dagger (i\partial_0 - h_s) S \\ & + O^\dagger (iD_0 - h_o) O] + V_A(r) \text{Tr}(O^\dagger \mathbf{r} g \mathbf{E} S + S^\dagger \mathbf{r} g \mathbf{E} O) \\ & + \frac{V_B(r)}{2} \text{Tr}(O^\dagger \mathbf{r} g \mathbf{E} O + O^\dagger O \mathbf{r} g \mathbf{E}) + \mathcal{L}_g + \mathcal{L}_q\end{aligned}$$

We can consider a transformation

$$\begin{aligned}O(t) & \rightarrow \Omega(t) O(t) \Omega^\dagger(t) \\ E^i(t) & \rightarrow \Omega(t) E^i \Omega^\dagger(t)\end{aligned}$$

such that  $i\partial_t \Omega(t) = gA_0(t) \Omega(t)$ .

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$\Omega$  can be a Wilson line connecting some time  $t'$  with  $t$ .

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Equivalent to doing the computation in the temporal gauge.

- Advantage: It simplifies the current computation a lot.
- Disadvantage: It sweeps the difficulties into the determination of the initial conditions.

# Evolution of the number of singlets

$$f_s(x, y) = \text{Tr}(\rho S^\dagger(x) S(y))$$

We can use perturbation theory but expanding in  $r$  instead of  $\alpha_s$ . In the interaction picture

$$i\partial_t S = [S, H_0]$$

$$i\partial_t \rho = [H_I, \rho]$$

Assumption 3:

We assume that HQ is comoving with the medium and that the center of mass momentum is not changed.

# Evolution of the number of singlets

$$\partial_t f_S = -i(H_{eff} f_s - f_s H_{eff}^\dagger) + \mathcal{F}(f_o)$$

- $H_{eff} = h_s + \Sigma$  where  $\Sigma$  corresponds with the self-energy that can be obtained in pNRQCD by computing the time-ordered correlator.
- $\mathcal{F}(f_o)$  is a new term that takes into account the process  $O \rightarrow g + S$ . It ensures that the total number of heavy quarks is conserved.
- $\mathcal{F}(f_o)$  is a complicated function of  $Tr(\rho O^\dagger O)$  and  $\langle E^i E^j \rangle$ . The information about the medium enters only in the chromoelectric field correlator. It will not be a Markovian process for any correlator.

# Evolution of the number of singlets

Define

$$H = \frac{H_{\text{eff}} + H_{\text{eff}}^\dagger}{2}$$

$$\Gamma = i(H_{\text{eff}} - H_{\text{eff}}^\dagger)$$

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# Evolution of the octet

Very similar reasoning.

$$f_o^{ab}(x, y) = \text{Tr}(\rho O^{\dagger, a}(x) O^b(y))$$

$$\partial_t f_o = -i[H_o, f_o] - \frac{1}{2}\{\Gamma, f_o\} + \mathcal{F}_1(f_s) + \mathcal{F}_2(f_o)$$

**Remark:**

We have this simple form because  $\frac{1}{f_o} \partial_t f_o \ll E$  and we have this result because of the field redefinition we made.

# Conservation of number of heavy quarks

$$\partial_t \text{Tr}(f_s) + \partial_t \text{Tr}(f_o) = 0$$

Ensured by

- Because we did not consider contact interactions in NRQCD that represent annihilation.
- Optical theorem that relates decay width and cross-section.

# Application

# Lindblad equation

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_k (C_k \rho C_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{C_k^\dagger C_k, \rho\})$$

- Used in open quantum systems and quantum optics. Numerical libraries available to solve it (we used qutip (Johansson, Nation and Nari (2012))).
- Introduced in the world of quarkonium by Akamatsu (2014).
- There is no prescription to find  $C_k$  or to tell how many are there.

## Further simplification

$$f_s(t, \mathbf{r}_x, \mathbf{r}_y)$$

**Huge matrix.** We can simplify it by making an expansion in spherical harmonics and cutting at some point.

- If the initial condition is diagonal in the spherical harmonics space it will remain always so.
- Including up to p-wave gives a good result if you are interested in s-wave. It does not change the results a lot to include also the d-wave.
- Similar arguments apply to  $f_o$  in color space.  $f_o^{ab} \propto \delta^{ab}$ .

# Initial conditions

Simple assumption:

- HQ is created at  $t = 0$  with a the same probability as in pp collisions.
- Power counting of NRQCD tell us that at LO it will be a Dirac delta function.
- Perturbative processes creating a singlet are  $\alpha_s(M_Q)$  suppressed with respect to octets.

We use

$$f_s = \alpha_s(M_Q)\delta^3(\mathbf{r}_x - \mathbf{r}_y)$$
$$f_o = \frac{\delta^{ab}\delta}{8}\delta^3(\mathbf{r}_x - \mathbf{r}_y)$$

After we normalize. We try different values of  $\delta$  to see how big is the dependency  $\delta = 0.1, 1, 10$ .

## Approximation to $R_{AA}$

- We assume that the initial probability (up to a factor) is equal in pp and in AA.
- Both evolve in the vacuum up to  $t = 0.6 fm$ . At that moment HQ starts to feel a thermal medium with  $T = 475 MeV$  that follows Bjorken evolution.
- The ratio of  $\langle 1S | f_S | 1S \rangle$  in AA and pp so computed will be our approximation to  $R_{AA}$ .
- Qualitative idea. We neglect CNM effects, energy loss, asymmetry, viscosity, very naive initial condition...



Toy model for  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff} \gg m_D \gg E$

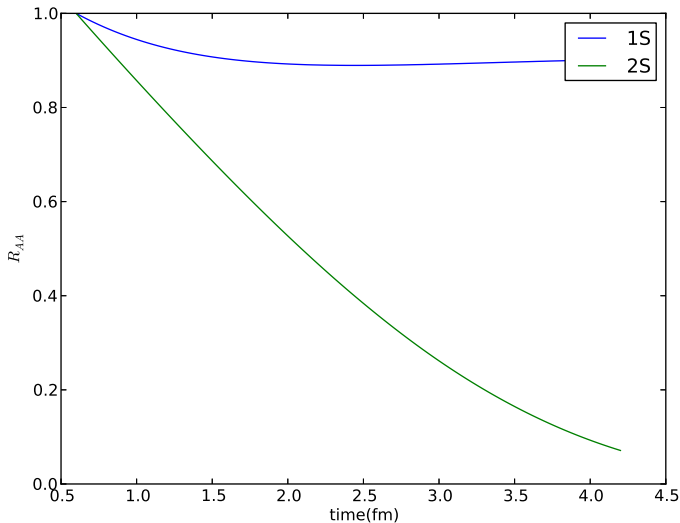
Nice because at LO  $C^i = Ar^i$  where  $A$  is some constant (that is proportional to  $\sqrt{\kappa}$ ).

But if you use the perturbative coupling  $\alpha_s$  at LHC temperatures you get negative decay widths.

Toy model: do a more or less educated guess about the value of  $A$ .

Toy model for  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff} \gg m_D \gg E$

Considering  $C^i = 0$ . Only screening.



Toy model for  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff} \gg m_D \gg E$

Singlet to octet and viceversa.

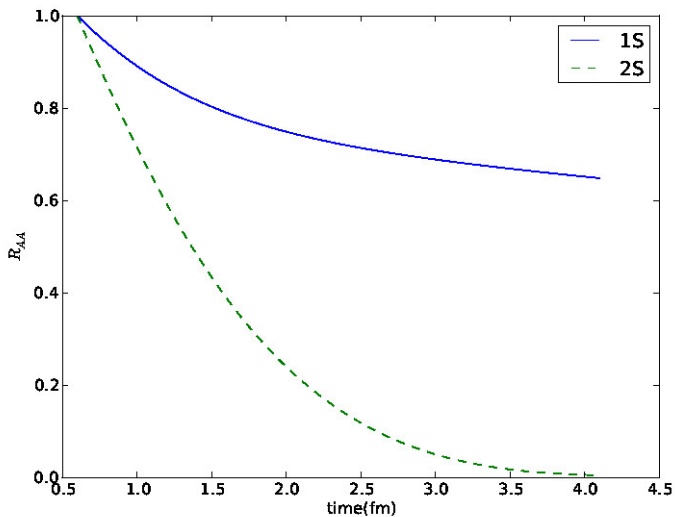
$$C_i^{so} = \sqrt{\frac{2C_F\alpha_s(2\pi T)T}{9}} m_D r_i \log(2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c^2-1}} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Octet to octet.

$$C_i^{oo} = \sqrt{\frac{(N_c^2 - 4)\alpha_s(2\pi T)T}{18N_c}} m_D r_i \log(2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

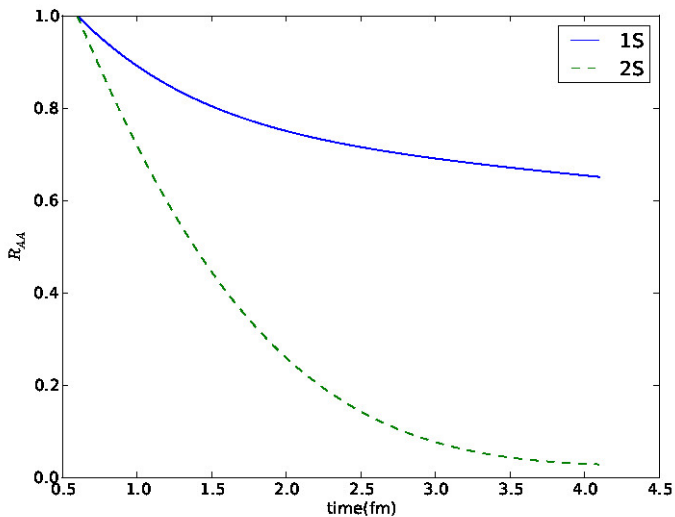
Toy model for  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff} \gg m_D \gg E$

Only S and P-wave



Toy model for  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff} \gg m_D \gg E$

Also D-wave

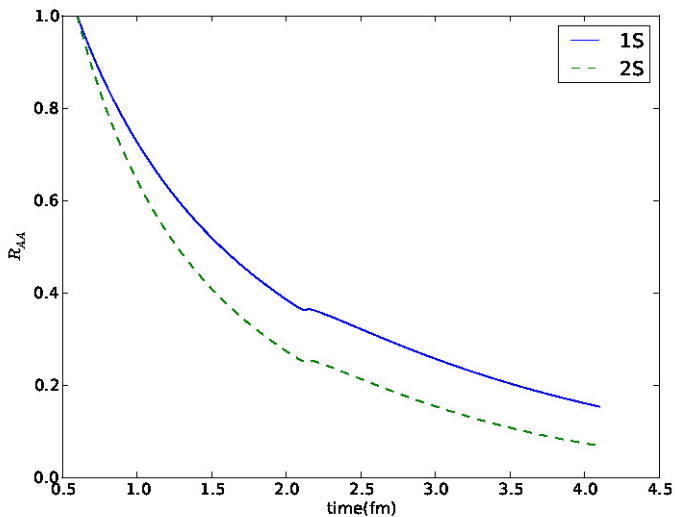


The case  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff} \gg E \gg m_D$

- In this case we do not encounter negative decay width with realistic couplings. We use  $\alpha_s(2\pi T)$ .
- We computed in JHEP1009(2010)038 (Brambilla, M.A.E, Ghiglieri, Soto and Vairo) the corrections to the singlet binding energy and decay width. Now we also need the **octet** ones. Straightforward computation.
- It is not trivial to write our equations in **Lindblad** form with a reasonable number of collapse operators. We need to assume quasistatic limit ( $\frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{d\tau} \ll E$ )..

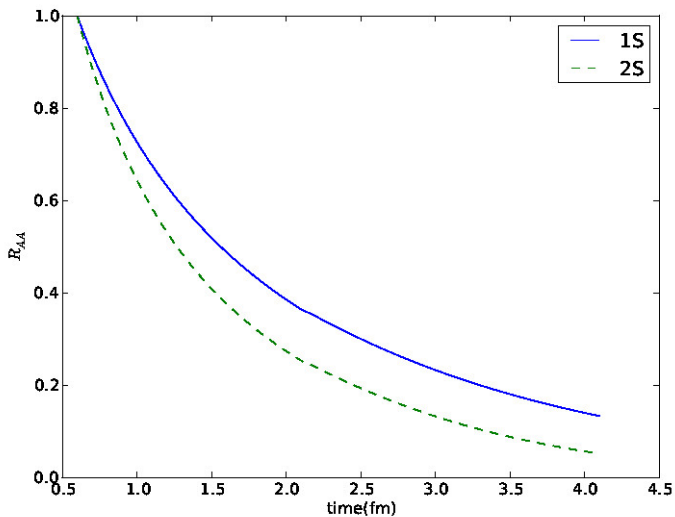
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Using  $\delta = 1$ .



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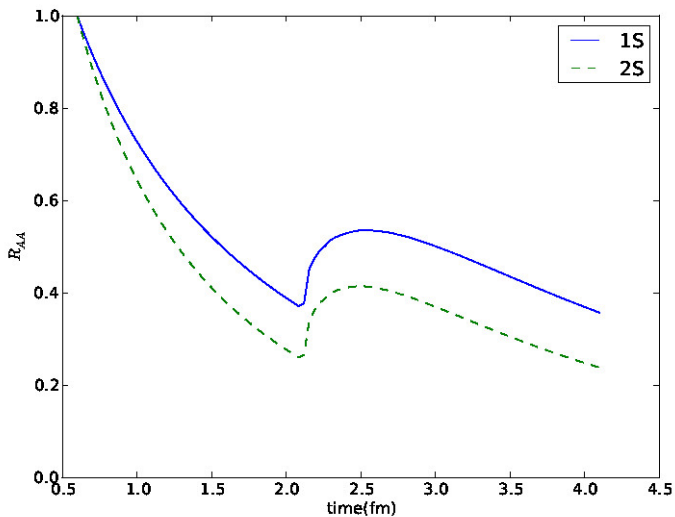
Using  $\delta = 0.1$ .





The case  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T_{eff} \gg E \gg m_D$

Using  $\delta = 10$ .



# Conclusions

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- $R_{AA}$  is related with the number of singlets operator in pNRQCD. In the  $\frac{1}{r} \gg T$  case a simple set of equations can be found without assuming weak coupling. All information encoded in an Hermitian effective Hamiltonian and in the correlator of chromoelectric fields.
- In some cases these equations can be written in a Lindblad form, as previously seen by Akamatsu in the high temperature regime.
- The octet thermal modifications are very important. We need to include more realistic initial conditions.
- We show results for different temperature regimes.