

Measuring the J/ψ -Nucleon dissociation cross section with PANDA

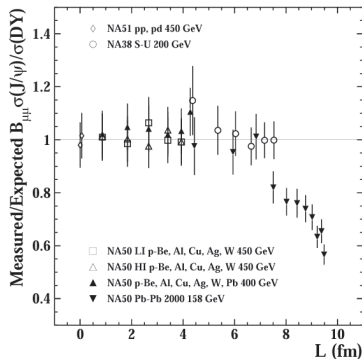
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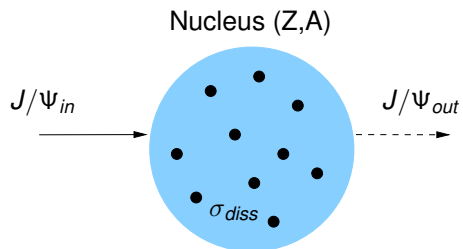
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Motivation

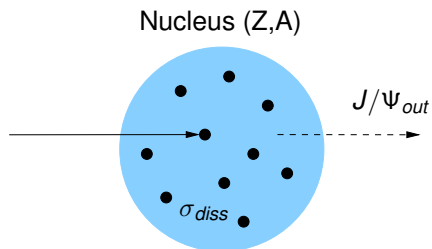
- J/ψ -nucleon dissociation cross:
Probability of J/ψ to break up when moving through nuclear matter.
- Charm in medium - fundamental parameter
- Issue in heavy ion research
Anomalous suppression observed in central HI collisions
Probable indication of existence of Quark-Gluon-Plasma



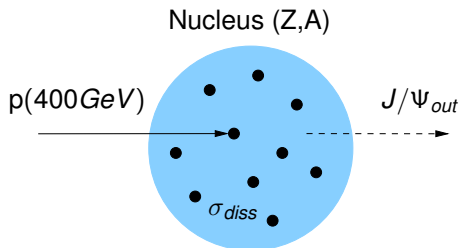
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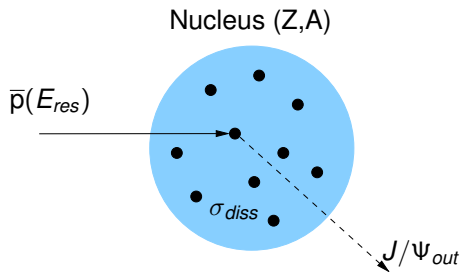


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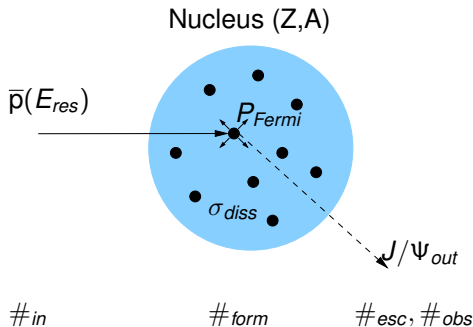
- NA50 collaboration, Eur. Phys.J.C 48 (2006) 329
- Production of J/ψ
- Interpretation of results ambiguous because mixed with other effects
- Large momenta, feed down from other states, interaction with co-movers
- $\sigma_{diss} \approx 4.5 \text{ mb} (1 - 7 \text{ mb})$

Experimental approaches



- *K.K. Seth, A Unique way to Measure Charmonium-Nucleon Cross Sections, Hirscheegg, 2001*
- Formation of J/ψ
- Avoid effects from large momenta, feed down, co-movers
- **At FAIR with PANDA**

Measurement of σ_{diss}



$$\#_{esc} = \#_{form} \cdot (1 - \sigma_{diss} \cdot \langle \rho L \rangle)$$

$$\sigma_{diss} = \frac{1}{\langle \rho L \rangle} \cdot \left[1 - \frac{\#_{esc}}{\#_{form}} \right]$$

modeling
measurement

$$\#_{obs} = \#_{esc} \cdot br \cdot f_{eff}$$

$$\#_{form} = \mathcal{F}(\dots) \cdot \#_{in}$$

Questions to answer

- How can $\#_{in}$ be determined
- How can $\#_{esc}$ be measured
- How accurately can $\#_{form}$ and $\langle \rho L \rangle$ be computed

Measurement of $\#_{esc}$

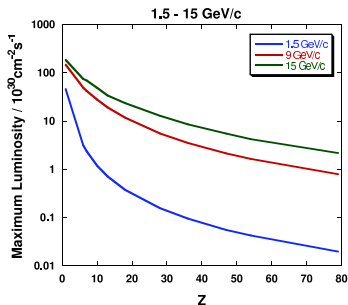
- $\bar{p} + A \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$
- cross sections in the order of 100 pb
- total cross section in the order of 1 b
- \rightarrow need background suppression of $> 10^{10}$
- exploit topology of signal events to enhance S/N
- Combination of cuts allows to efficiently suppress background ($< 10^{-10}$)

PANDA Physics Performance Report, arXiv:0903.3905

- How long will it take?

▶ $\sigma_{obs} \approx 100 \text{ pb}$, $L \approx 10^{30}$

\rightarrow a few J/ψ per day!



Computation of $\#_{form}$

ideal case: $\Delta P_{\bar{p}} = 0, P_p = 0$

$$\sigma_{BW}(E_{cm}) = \frac{2J+1}{(2S_1+1)(2S_2+1)} \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \left[\frac{(\Gamma/2)^2}{(E_{cm} - m_{J/\psi})^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2} \right] B_{in} B_{out}$$

- $m_{J/\psi} = 3096.916 \pm 0.011 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma = 0.0932 \pm 0.0021 \text{ MeV}$

(Particle Data Group, Physics Letters B667, 1 (2008))

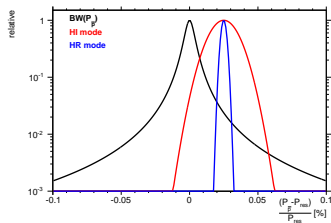
- $B_{in} B_{out} = (1.14 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$

(E760 collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 47 (1993) 772)

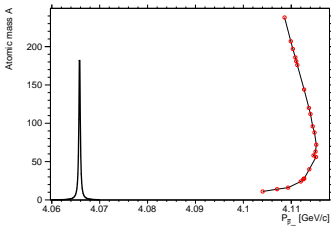
- $\rightarrow BW(m_{J/\psi}) = 280 \text{ nb}$

Computation of $\#_{form}$

1. complication: $\Delta P_{\bar{p}} \neq 0$



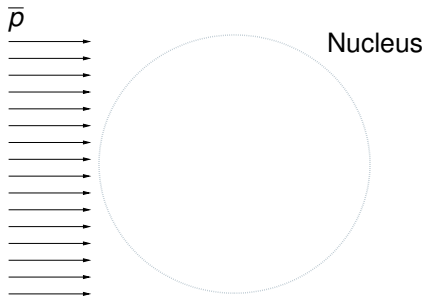
2. complication: Nuclear binding energy, in-medium mass shift?



3. complication: $P_p \neq 0$, Fermi motion

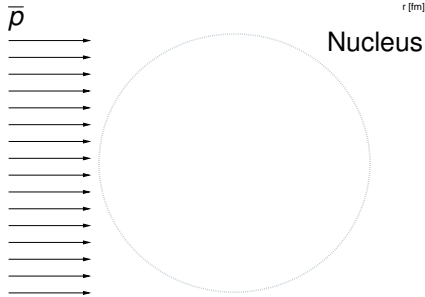
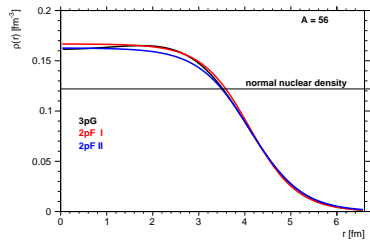
$$P_F = \hbar(3\pi^2 \frac{Z}{V})^{1/3} \approx 250 \text{ MeV}/c$$

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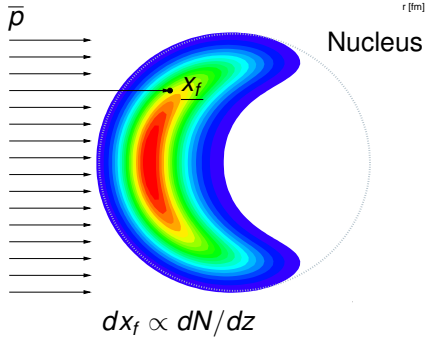
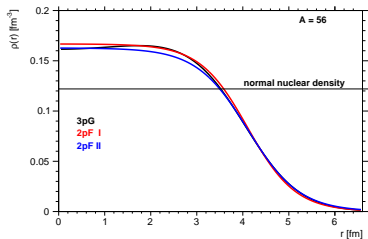
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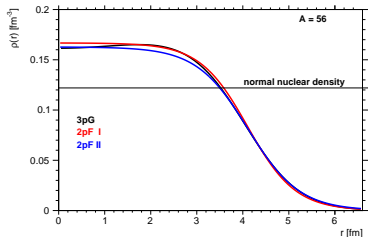
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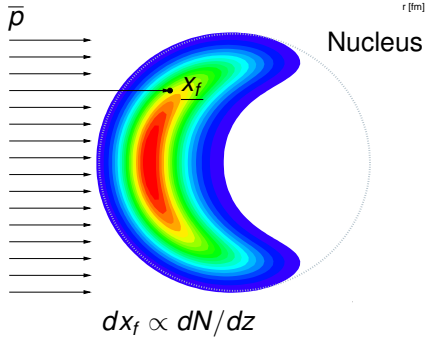
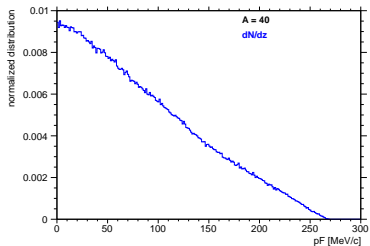


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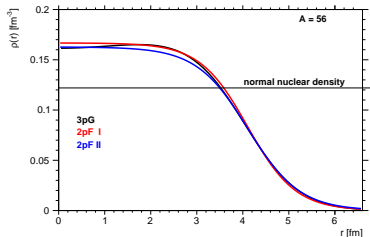


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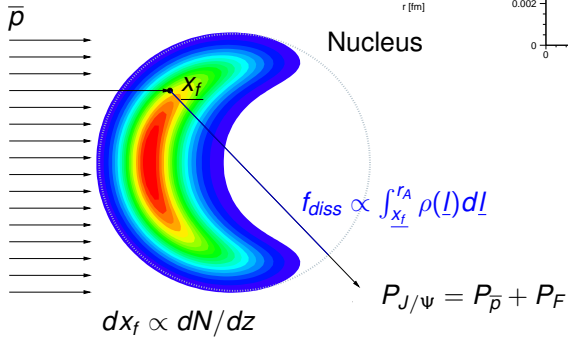
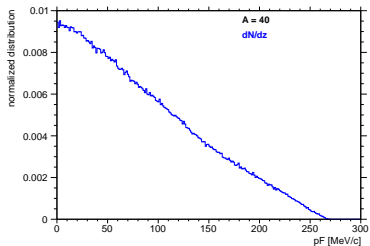


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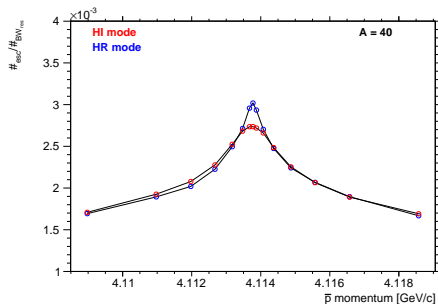
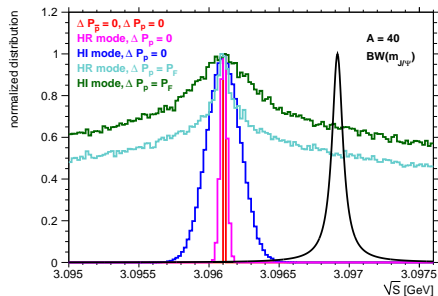
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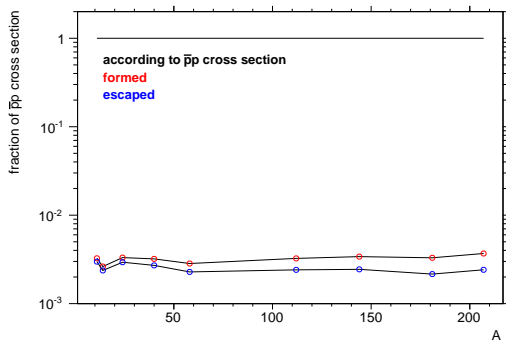


- First step in simulations
- more sophisticated models required

Computation of $\langle \rho L \rangle$

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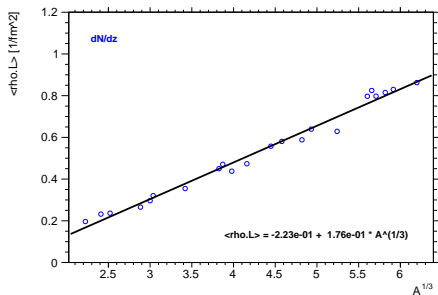


Computation of $\langle \rho L \rangle$

- $\langle \rho L \rangle = \left\langle \int_{\underline{x}_f}^{\infty} \rho(\underline{l}) d\underline{l} \right\rangle$
- depends on
 - $\rho(r)$
 - distribution of formation points, $d(\underline{x}_f)$
 - Fermi-momentum distribution
- compute by MC with high statistics

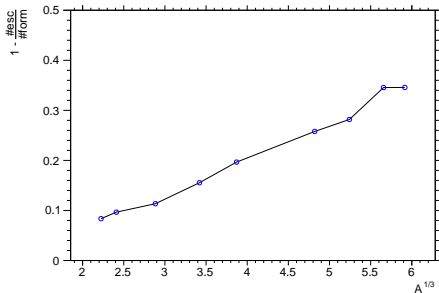
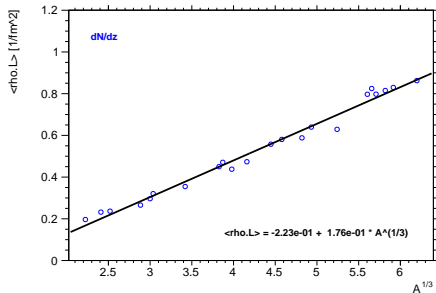
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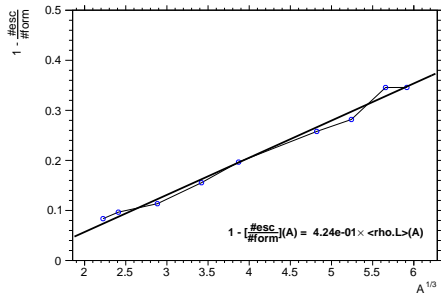
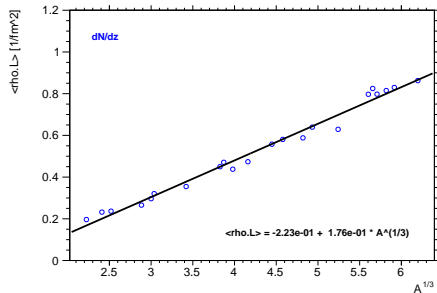
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$$\rightarrow \sigma_{diss} = 4.2 \text{ mb}$$

Summary

- With PANDA $\bar{p}A \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow l^+ + l^-$ can be efficiently measured
 \approx a few J/ψ per day
- To determine σ_{diss} one needs to
 - ▶ Scan resonance and determine shape and number of J/ψ ($\#_{esc}$)
 - ▶ Compute number of formed J/ψ ($\#_{form}$)
 - ▶ Fit $\left[1 - \frac{\#_{esc}}{\#_{form}}\right] (A)$ with $\langle \rho L \rangle (A)$

Parameters to select $\{P_{\bar{p}_i}\}, HR/HL, \{(A, Z)_j\}$

Parameters to measure $\#_{in}, \#_{esc}$

Parameters to model $\#_{form}$