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The respective contributions of cold-matter and hot-medium effects to the suppression of $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ mesons in p-Pb collisions at energies reached at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) are investigated [1]. Whereas known alterations of the parton density functions in the lead nucleus and coherent parton energy loss [2] account for the leading fraction of the modifications in cold nuclear matter (CNM), the hot-medium (quark-gluon plasma, QGP) effects turn out to be relevant in spite of the small initial spatial extent of the fireball.

We compare our transverse-momentum-, rapidity-, and centrality-dependent theoretical results for the $\Upsilon(1S)$ suppression in p-Pb collisions at a center-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 8.16$ TeV with recent LHCb [3] and ALICE [4] data from the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). Both cold-matter and hot-medium effects are needed to account for the data, lending support to a transient QGP formation in small systems. The initial central temperature of the fireball in p-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 8.16$ TeV is found to be $T_0 \simeq 460$ MeV.

The results for the asymmetric p-Pb system are compared to the hot-medium effects on Υ -suppression in symmetric Pb-Pb-collisions at LHC energies, where the spatially extended fireball is mostly responsible for the dissociation of quarkonia, and cold-matter effects are less relevant. Here the hot-medium model [5] yields excellent agreement with CMS data at 2.76 and 5.02 TeV.

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