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Probing QGP by heavy flavors

Content :

The drag and diffusion coefficients of charm and bottom quarks propagating through quark gluon plasma (QGP) have been evaluated for conditions relevant to nuclear collisions at Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and at Relativistic Heavy Ion Collision (RHIC). The dead cone and Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal (LPM) effects on radiative energy loss of heavy quarks have been considered. Both radiative and collisional processes of energy loss are included in the effective drag and diffusion coefficients. With these effective transport coefficients we solve the Fokker Plank (FP) equation for the heavy quarks executing Brownian motion in the QGP. The solution of the FP equation has been used to evaluate the nuclear suppression factor, R_{AA} and elliptic flow v_2 for the non-photon single electron spectra resulting from the semi-leptonic decays of hadrons containing charm and bottom quarks. It is observed that the experimental data from RHIC on R_{AA} and v_2 of nonphoton electrons can be reproduced simultaneously within the pQCD framework for the same set of input. The R_{AA} and v_2 of the non-photon electron from heavy meson decays produced in nuclear collisions at LHC and low energy RHIC run have also been predicted. The effects of mass on R_{AA} has also been highlighted.

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