Heavy Flavor Measurements at LHC

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> Motivation Open HF Quarkonia Other New Studies

Motivation

• Strong interaction

- HQ production in hard scatterings
- Parton energy loss in the medium
- HQ hadronization
- Properties of QCD matter
 - Initial state
 - CGC at low-x
 - Nuclear PDFs
 - Final state
 - Quark Gluon Plasma
 - Small systems
 - Exotic particles

Experimental measurement precision and coverage



Open HF Production in pp Collisions



- Do we understand the pp "reference"?
 - pQCD based on factorization theorem with **PDFs** and **FFs** from ee/ep collisions describe HQ meson but not baryon production in pp collisions: **fragmentation is not universal**. The latter is better described by PYTHIA with **color reconnection (beyond leading color approximation)** or **coalescence hadronization models**.
 - Improvement to measurement precision and extension to low p_T for bottom hadrons are needed.

Modification to Open HF Production in pA Collisions



"Cold nuclear matter effects" are important for interpreting data in HI collisions

- pQCD calculations with **nPDFs** and **FFs** can describe modification to HQ mesons but not baryons in pA collisions. The latter can be described by **coalescence hadronization models**.
- Improvement to measurement precision of charm baryons and extension to bottom baryons are needed.

Collectivity in High-multiplicity pp and pA Collisions



- Is non-zero v₂ observed for charged hadrons in small systems due to initial or final state effects?
 - Non-zero v₂ observed for charm but not bottom in high mult. pp and pA. So more likely **final state effect?**
 - Improvement to measurement precision for bottom hadrons and extension to baryons are needed.

Open HF in AA Collisions



• How partons interact with QGP (elastic versus radiative)? What are the properties of QGP?

- Less suppression for non-prompt J/psi and D than prompt D, consistent with mass hierarchy $\Delta E_{\rm b} < \Delta E_{\rm c}$
- Less flow for non-prompt J/ ψ &D than prompt D suggesting not thermalized b-quark in contrary to charm
- Improvement to low p_T measurement and extension to baryons and fully reconstructed B hadrons are needed •

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HQ Hadronization in AA Collisions



- How hadronization gets affected by QGP medium?
 - Indication of strangeness enhancement in the charm (and bottom) sector
 - Enhancement of baryon-to-meson ratio observed
 - Improvement to measurement precision and extension to B baryons is needed

coalesence hadronization

Quarknium Production in pp and pA Collisions



- Do we understand our reference? How about "CNM" effects?
 - (NOT SHOWN) pQCD based on factorization theorem with PDFs and phenomelogical hadronization models (CEM/NRQCD etc) can not simultaneously describe spectra and polarization in pp collisions
 - R_{pA} similar between prompt D⁰ and J/psi, little room for additional final state effect on J/psi

Quarknium Production in pp and pA Collisions



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- (NOT SHOWN) pQCD based on factorization theorem with PDFs and phenomelogical hadronization models (CEM/NRQCD etc) can not simultaneously describe spectra and polarization in pp collisions
- Indication of final state effects coming into play for excited states
- Significant v_2 for charmonia but v_2 consistent with zero for bottomonia -> similar to open HF (p5)
- Improvement to R_{pA} measurement for excited states and v_2 in pA (and high mult. pp) collisions is needed.

Quarknium Production in AA Collisions



- How is quarkonium production modified by QGP?
 - Sequential suppression observed for both charmonia and bottomonia
 - Significant charmonium flow, while that of bottomonium is consistent with zero
 - Models including both color-screening and regeneration effects describe data
 - Improvement to the measurement precision for Psi(2S) and bottomonia especially v2 is needed

Bc Production in AA Collisions



• Hint of B_c enhancement

- Due to recombination of uncorrelated b and c quark in QGP?
- Need to improve the measurement precision to make more definitive statements

Exotic Particles



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J/psi Polarization in AA Collisions



• Interpretation of these results is unclear

Rapidity Puzzles



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N_{trk} Puzzle



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Model Puzzle



• Models with different initial conditions, CNM effects, medium evolution, energy loss or hadronization mechanisms can describe R_{AA} and v_2 data

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Model Puzzle



Summary

• Findings from heavy flavor measurements at LHC so far:

- Energy loss: measured R_{AA} and flow consistent with mass hierarchy of energy loss $\Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$. Need to improve measurement precision for low p_T charm hadrons, charm baryons and bottom hadrons and new observables to better understand energy loss mechanisms.
- Hadronization: coalescence is important for hadronization in pp/pA/AA collisins, modification to charm quark hadronization in QGP observed. Need to improve measurement precision and kinematic coverage for charm baryons an bottom hadrons to better understand heavy quark hadronization mechanisms.
- Quarkonia: sequential suppression observed for both charmonia and bottomonia. Need to improve measurement precision and kinematic coverage for excited charmonium and bottomonium states to understand feed-down, color screening and regeneration
- Studies started: exotic particles, D and J/psi in jets, correlations ...
- LHC Run3+4 with newly upgraded detectors and much larger data samples will help us to better understand HQ, QGP and more!

