



Heavy-flavour observables at ALICE

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Outline

• Why Heavy-flavours in heavy-ion physics

ALICE experiment

- Experimental results
 - Open heavy flavour results in pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb collisions

Summary & Outlook

Heavy-ion physics

First phase diagram for nuclear matter: Cabibbo, Parisi PL B59 (1975): "We suggest ... a different phase of the vacuum in which quarks are not confined"

T.D. Lee (1975) suggested to distribute a high amount of energy over a relatively large volume

Collisions of nuclei at very high energy

- Temperature of the produced "fireball" O(10¹² K)
 - 10⁵ × T of the centre of the Sun

Study nuclear matter at extreme conditions of temperature and density

- Collect evidence for a state where quarks and gluons are deconfined (Quark Gluon Plasma) and study its properties
- Phase transition predicted by Lattice QCD calculations
 - $T_C \approx 170 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \varepsilon_C \approx 0.6 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$







- Heavy-ion program at the LHC started on Nov. 7th 2010 with Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{S_{NN}}=2.76$ TeV
- Big jump in energy w.r.t. RHIC: 13.8×√S_{NN}
- 3 experiments: ALICE, ATLAS and CMS



ALICE is the experiment dedicated to the study of the quark-gluon plasma produced with high T and low μ_B in Pb-Pb collisions at the LHC

(short distance) parton interactions: $\alpha_s(Q^2 \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow 0$. The single inclusive¹² pro-Hard Tomographic T Probes polo QGD contactor X, can be thus ALICE computed using perturbation theory techniques. Over short distances the infinite number of Feynman diagrams that would theoretically result $f_A(x_1, Q^2)$ the outgoing parton c can be approximated accurately by a m number of terms. In high-energy hadron-hadron collisions, th p_T particles can be computed from the underlying parton-p $\sigma(x_1, x_2, Q^2)$ the QCD "factorisation theorem" [58]. The production cross $f_B(x_2, Q^2)$ What is Hand Probable written, to order $\mathcal{O}(1/Q^2)$, as the product Some processes involve an energy scale Q that is much larger than the stypical energy scale (re $\overline{J_{ab}}_{2}$ Q_{1} , $4Q_{2}$ Q_{1} , $4Q_{2}$ Q_{2} Q_{2} High-p_T Hadron Suppression and Jet Quenching
 Creation of Heavy quark-antiquark pairs (Q = 2 Pho)

- interactions at high distribution functions (PDF), encoding the probability of ion of high $-p_T$ particular parton to fill avoid der and momentum functions sub-fractions what resultoin the probability of a high $-p_T$ particular selection of the final state X.
 - $D_{c \to h}(z, Q^2)$: fragmentation function (FF), describing the probability that the
- The corresponding length scale $\approx 1 / Q$ of such processes is thus much smaller ($\tau < 1/Q \sim 0.1$ fm/c) than the length scale of typical medium excitations, so that are universal objects that can be determined experimentally, e.g. in deepthat they are sufficiently upoint-like to be unaffected by the model in $D_{c \to h} =$
- Additionally, such processes are to a large extent calculable from first The basic assumption underlying the factorised form of Eq. (18) is that the principles, i.e. using perturbative of parton interaction is much shorter than any longdistance interaction occurring before (among partons belonging to the same PDF) or after (during the evolution of) the sruck partons into their hadronic final state) the hard collision itself (see sketch in Fig. 6). The validity of Eq. (18) holds thus on MinJung Kweon, Inha University.



Why are hard probes interesting?

- The creation process is to a large extent calculable within pQCD
- While the production (of a high-p_T particle, a heavy QQ-pair) is insensitive to the presence of a medium, however the probe then has to travel through the medium, and possibly be modified at that stage
- Eventually, before the hard process, its "progenitors" had to travel through the medium: here as well, some modification is possible
- Tomographic probes of hottest & densest phases of medium





What's special about heavy quarks

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

- Heavy-ion (HI) collisions at LHC energies
 - QGP phase expected (lifetime ~ O(10 fm/c))
- Heavy quarks
 - ★ Large mass (m_q » Λ_{QCD}) → produced in the early stages of the HI collision with short formation time(t_{charm} ~ 1/m_c ~ 0.1 fm/c << τ_{QGP} ~ O(10 fm/c)), traverse the medium interacting with its constituents
 - natural probe of the hot medium created in HI interactions
 - Interactions with QGP don't change flavour identity
 - Uniqueness of heavy quarks: cannot be destroyed/created in the medium
 - transported through the full system evolution

Hard processes:

- Charm, Beauty, W, Z, photons, Jets
- Probe the whole evolution of the collision



Heavy quarks as medium probes

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q: colour triplet **u,d,s:** m~0, C_R=4/3 (difficult to tag at LHC) g: colour octet 1000 $m=0, C_{R}=3$ **g:** > E loss, dominant at LHC Q: colour triplet **c:** m~1.5 GeV, C_R=4/3 small m, tagged by D's **b:** m~5 GeV, C_R=4/3 large mass \rightarrow dead cone ALICE \rightarrow < \ge 10SS 'Quark Matter' € quark c quark² Pre-Equilibrium hase (< to)

Parton Energy Loss by \rightarrow medium-induced gluon radiation $E(\mathcal{E}_{medium}, C_R, \mathcal{M}, L)$ $E(\mathcal{E}_{medium}, C_R, \mathcal{M}, L)$ $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{c \approx q}^{\Delta E} (\mathcal{E}_{mdEm}; C_R, \mathcal{M}, L)$ $Prediction: \Delta E_g > \Delta E_{c \approx q}^{c \approx q} > \Delta E_b$ $R_{AA}^{\pi} < R_{AA}^{D} < R_{AA}^{Bc \approx q} > \Delta E_b$ Might translate into a hierarchy ofnuclear modification factors $R_{AA}(p_t) = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle} \frac{R_{AA}^{\pi t} < R_{AA}^{t} < R_{A}^{t} < R_{A$

Collectivity in the QGP

- in general: initial spatial asymmetry
 - → azimuthal asymmetry of particle emission in momentum space
- heavy quarks participate in collectivity of the medium in case of sufficient re-scattering
 - \rightarrow approach to thermalization

 high p_T: path-length dependence of energy loss introduces azimuthal asymmetry as well

Heavy-flavour physics programs in pp, p-A, A-A collisions



- Pb-Pb collisions
 - Study the interaction of heavy quarks with the medium
 - Color charge and mass dependence of parton energy loss
 - Collectivity in the medium
 - Initial spatial asymmetry
 - Thermalization via sufficient rescattering due to large mass (v₂(b)<v₂(c)?)
 - Path length dependence of energy loss at high p_T
- p-p collisions
 - Test understanding of heavy-quark production
 - Which are the relevant production mechanisms on the parton level: LO, NLO, or even more complex (ex. Multi parton interactions)
 - Test of pQCD-based predictions: theoretical uncertainties are driven by renormalization and factorization scales and quark masses
 - Investigate production mechanisms via more differential measurements (ex. multiplicity dependence of production cross section)
 - Reference for p-Pb and Pb-Pb measurements
- p-Pb collisions
 - Control experiment for the Pb-Pb measurement: indica
 - Address cold nuclear matter effects
 - Nuclear modification of parton distribution function
 - k_T broadening
 - Energy loss in cold nuclear matter I. Vitev at al., PRC 75(2 R
 - Multiple binary collisions A.M. Glenn et al., PLB 644(2007)119



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Heavy-flavour hadrons decay via weak interaction: measure decay products















D mesons in ALICE







Heavy flavours Results in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV



- Heavy flavour cross section measured in various channels
- pQCD-based calculations (FONLL, GM-VFNS, k_T factorization) compatible

with data FONLL: JHEP 1210 (2012) 137, GM-VFNS: Eur. Phys. J. C 72 (2012) 2082, k_T factorisation: arXiv:1301.3033

Similar situation at √s = 2.76 TeV

Heavy-flavour cross section in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$, 7 TeV







Statistical separation of e⁻ from charm and beauty decays using statistical separation of e⁻ from charm and beauty decays using statistical secondary vertex and electron-hadron angular correlation

Heavy-flavour cross section in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 2.7$ TeV





(FONLL, GM-VFNS, k_T factorization)

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 $/(2\pi p_{T}) d^{2}\sigma/(dp_{T}dy) (mb/(GeV/c)^{2})$

More on production mechanism: Multiplicity dependences of charm production



Particle production in pp collisions at LHC shows better agreement with models including MPIs

Eur. Phys. J. C 73 (2013) 2674

For heavy flavours:

 LHCb: double charm production agrees better with models including double parton scattering

J. High Energy Phys., 06 (2012) 141



MPIs involving only light quarks and gluons?

- D-meson yields increase with charged-particle multiplicity
- → presence of MPI and contribution on the a harder scale?

More differential information: Heavy flavour correlations

- Measurement of associated hadron yields on the near and away side
- Sensitive to charm production mechanism and fragmentation
 - → chamjet properties



 D-hadron correlations in pp show good agreement with expectations from Pythia (different tunes)

Better precision requires more data





Nuclear modification factor

 $R_{AA} = \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle \times dN_{pn} / dp_T} = \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \times d\sigma_{pn} / dp_T}$

Binary scaling based on the Glauber Model $R_{AA} = 1$: binary scaling $R_{AA} \neq 1$: medium effect

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- R_{pPb} consistent with unity within uncertainties
 - D⁰, D⁺, D^{*+} mesons (mid rapidity): can be described by CGC calculations, pQCD calculations with EPS09 nuclear PDF and a model including energy loss in cold nuclear matter, nuclear shadowing and k_T-broadening



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NLO (MNR) with EPS09 shadowing

systematic uncertainty on normalization

Vitev: coherent scattering + k_ broad + CNM Eloss

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2.5<y_{cms}<3.54

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*p*_т (GeV/*c*)

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systematic uncertainty on normalization

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 $p_{_{T}}$ (GeV/c)

16

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More on production mechanism: Multiplicity dependences of D-meson yields

Self-normalized D-meson yields vs. charged-particle multiplicity ALICE



- similar trend of D-meson yields vs. multiplicity in pp and p-Pb collisions
 - pp collisions: high-multiplicity events mainly from MPI
 - p-Pb collisions: high multiplicity events also due to N_{coll} > 1

similar trend also in Pb-Pb collisions

• highest multiplicity bin in Pb-Pb (pp) collisions: 10% (1%) of the total cross section

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Production rates in high- multiplicity p-Pb collisions doesn't exhibit any effect like suppression.



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Nuclear modification factor





- Significant suppression at high p_T in central Pb-Pb collisions w.r.t. binary scaled pp collisions
 - HF decay electron (|y| < 0.6) and muon (2.5 < y < 4) R_{AA} are similar
 - Less suppression in more peripheral collisions



HF-decay lepton RAA

- RAA of electrons from beauty decays in 0-20% central Pb-Pb collisions
 - analysis based on the measured electron impact parameter distribution





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 - RAA of electrons from beauty decays in 0-20% shows hint of suppression
- Cold nuclear matter effects are small (R_{pPb} ~ 1)
- Suppression due to final state effect



D meson R_{AA} in p-Pb and Pb-Pb



- p-Pb results indicate that the suppression observed in Pb-Pb comes from strong interaction of charm quarks with the medium
- D_s⁺ suppressed by a factor ~3 for 8 < p_T <12 GeV/c
 - more statistics needed at low p_T where enhancement of D_s^+/D due to coalescence is predicted:

Kuznetsova, Rafelski EPJ C 51 (2007) 113 He et al. PRL 110 (2013) 112301 Andronic et al. PLB 659 (2008) 149

- D mesons at the LHC and at RHIC
 - different trend for D⁰-meson R_{AA} at p_T ~ 2 GeV/c?
- differences between

Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV &

Au-Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 0.2 \text{ TeV}$

- different shape of pp reference
- different modification of nPDFs
- different radial flow
- some models describe both measurements reasonably well (e.g. TAMU, PLB 735(2014)445)





Color charge dependence?: D-meson R_{AA} vs. π^{\pm}



- Agreement with models including
 - energy loss hierarchy: $\Delta E(g) > \Delta E(u,d,s) > \Delta E(c)$
 - different shapes of the parton p_T distributions
 - different fragmentation functions
 - Soft production mechanisms for low-n π

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Djordjevic, PRL 112(2014)042302 Wicks et al., NPA 872(2011)265

Color charge dependence?: D-meson R_{AA} vs. π[±]



Quark mass dependence?: D-meson R_{AA} vs. non-prompt J/ψ



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Azimuthal anisotropy of heavy-flavours



- Positive D-meson v₂ similar to charged-particle v₂
- Hint for increasing flow with decreasing centrality
- Confirmation of significant interaction of charm quarks with the medium
 - → collective motion of low ponpt C harm quarks with the medium

R_{AA} and v₂: Comparison with models



012032; Cao, Qin, Bass: Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 044907 DAIVITS OPHONI et al. arXiv. 1112.1555, Alchenn et al. Alchenn et al. Filips. Rev. C 75 (2005) 044500,

WHUG W. A. HOROWITZ ET al. J. Phys. G38, 124064 (2011), POWLANG W. NI. AIDERICO ET al. EU 1666 (2011), TAMU M. He, R. J. Fries and R. Rapp, arXiv:1204.4442[nucl-th], UrQMD arXiv:1211.6912, J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 426, 012032 (2013), Cao, Quin, Bass arXiv:1308.0617



Summary



• ALICE: new quality of Heavy Flavour measurements

- pp collisions:
 - described by perturbative QCD \Rightarrow Heavy-flavours are a calibrated probe
 - investigate heavy flavour fragmentation via correlations
- Pb-Pb collisions:
 - strong interaction of heavy quarks with the medium
 - suppression of yields at high p_T consistent with partonic energy loss
 - * indication for charm participating in the medium's collective expansion
 - hints of a stronger suppression for charm than for beauty at intermediate/high p_T .
 - no strong conclusions can be drawn from the comparison of D mesons and pions R_{AA}, given the large uncertainties
- p-Pb collisions:
 - results consistent with pQCD + shadowing: the observed suppression in Pb-Pb collisions is a final state effect

• what is missing?

- better precision, more statistics, extended p_T coverage (high and low p_T)
 smaller uncertainties and new differential measurements will help to
 - constrain model calculations quantitatively
 - address open questions concerning the energy-loss mechanisms, their path-length dependence, thermalization of charm (and beauty?) ...

Precision measurements

Upgrade



Charm v_2 down to $p_T \sim 0$ using prompt and beauty v_2 down to B p_{T} ~0 using B-decay D⁰

ЧA ALICE 1.8 ALICE Upgrade Pb-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$ $L_{int} = 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$, centrality 0-10% 1.6 $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ 1.4 Non-prompt $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ 1.2 Upgrade of the Inner Tracking System 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 25 30 p_T (GeV/c) 20 25 10 15 5 ALICE, CERN-LHCC-2013-024 LI-PERF-59950

Charm and beauty R_{AA} down to p_{T} ~0 using D⁰ and B-decay J/ ψ

Upgrade



Thank you for your attention!



Extra Slides



Radiative energy loss via gluon radiation

Color charge dependence of energy loss gluon radiation spectrum by the parton propagation in the

medium:

$$\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \propto \alpha_s C_R f(\omega)$$

where
$$C_R = 3$$
 for g , $\frac{4}{3}$ for q

Dead Cone Effect

- In vacuum, gluon radiation is suppressed at angles smaller than M_Q/E_Q (ratio of the quark mass to its energy)
- In medium, dead cone implies lower energy loss for massive partons

(Dokshitzer and Kharzeev, PLB 519 (2001) 199.)

$$R_{AA}^{\pi} < R_{AA}^{D} < R_{AA}^{B} \qquad R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle} \times \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_T}{d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

Elastic energy loss is not negligible?

Simon Wicks, William Horowitz, Magdalena Djordjevic, Miklos Gyulassy, Nucl.Phys.A784:426-442,2007

<u>Collisional dissociation probability of</u> <u>heavy mesons in the QGP?</u>

I Vitev, A Adil and H van Hees, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 34 (2007) S769–S773

Proton-proton collisions: provide important test of pQCD in a new energy domain and heavy ion reference





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Color charge dependence?: D-meson R_{AA} vs. π[±]



Haavy_flavour areas



pQCD-based calculations (FONLL, GM-VFNS, k_T factorization) compatible with data

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Nuclear Modification Factor: QpPb

- Investigate multiplicity dependent nuclear modification of the p_T distributions in p-Pb collisions w.r.t. pp collisions
- quantified via:

$$Q_{pPb}^{mult}(p_T) = \frac{\left(dN_{pPb}^{mult}/dp_T\right)_i}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle_i dN_{pp}/dp_T}$$

- problem: determination of <N_{coll}> suffers from biases in p-Pb collisions
 - multiplicity bias
 - geometrical bias
 - jet veto bias
- bias depends on multiplicity estimator

 V0A: <N_{coll}> from Glauber fit of V0A amplitude



• ZN: <N_{coll}> from Hybrid approach

 define event classes based on the energy deposited by Pb-spectator neutrons in the ZDC (ZN)



 <N_{coll}> obtained by scaling with multiplicity the minimum bias value

$$\langle N_{coll} \rangle_i = \langle N_{coll} \rangle_{MB} \left(\frac{\langle dN/d\eta \rangle_i}{\langle dN/d\eta \rangle_{MB}} \right)_{-1 < \eta < 0} - 1$$