Quarkonia and heavy flavor in pPb at LHCb

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Motivation

- study multi-parton interactions
- soft QCD, low-x
- particle yield ratios for testing hadronization models
- study of proton-ion collisions with LHCb accesses unique kinematic region



Focus on:

- cold-nuclear effects (decouple cold-nuclear matter from quark-gluon plasma effects)
- soft QCD; energy-loss vs. saturation
- useful as reference for ion-ion collision analyses
- $2 < \eta_{\text{lab}} < 5, P_T < 14 \text{ GeV}.$





Motivation

Nuclear modification factor:

From PHENIX data: heavy quarkonia suppressed at large rapidity: (PRL 107, 2011, 142301)

$$R_{pA}(y,\sqrt{s}) = \frac{1}{A} \frac{\frac{d\sigma_{pA}(y,\sqrt{s})}{dy}}{\frac{d\sigma_{pp}(y,\sqrt{s})}{dy}}$$

prediction for LHC energies (5 TeV) from JHEP 1303(2013) 122



Theoretical calculations by Arleo & Peyne





LHCb Spectrometer



- Design luminosity $(2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1})$
- good IP measurement: $\langle \delta IP \rangle = 20 \mu m$ for $p_T > 2$ GeV:
 - excellent vertex reconstruction to select e.g. J/ Ψ mesons
 - separation of prompt from secondary J/Ψ 's
- μ ID efficiency: \sim 97 % for < 3 % π \rightarrow μ mis-id probability from $p=2-100~{
 m GeV}$
 - reconstruct open charm
 - very useful for particle-yield ratios
 - V₀ reconstruction



LHCb Spectrometer

Event characteristics



Typical pA collision in LHCb







positive rapidity (protons on lead)



negative rapidity (lead on protons)







Pseudo-rapidity in LHCb for p-Pb collisions



Multiplicity distribution in pA collisions



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LHCb proton-ion data



LHCb Integrated Luminosity at p-Pb 4 TeV in 2013

- $\bullet\,$ low instantaneous luminosity: $\mathcal{L}\approx5\times10^{27}\;cm^{-2}s^{-1}$
- low pile-up (approx. 1 primary vertex per interaction)
- data-taking efficiency better than 91%.
- results based on 2 beam configurations and 2 magnet configurations.

forward :
$$\mathcal{L} = 1.1 \text{ nb}^{-1}$$
 backward : $\mathcal{L} = 0.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$





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- t_z model: exponential for J/Ψ 's from b's
- convoluted with double Gaussian
- delta function for signal
- empirical function from side-band for background









J/Ψ production in p-Pb collisions

 J/Ψ total and double-differential cross sections



• Dominated by systematics from luminosity (3%), fit model and data-MC agreement





J/Ψ production in p-Pb collisions

 J/Ψ single-differential cross sections





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J/Ψ from b's

Fraction of J/Ψ from b-quarks:





From: LHCb-CONF-2013-008



Prompt J/Ψ cross sections at LHCb

Comparison of prompt J/Ψ production in p-p, p-Pb and Pb-p:



Total prompt J/Ψ cross section

- clear observation of $J\!/\!\Psi$ suppression in pA and Ap
- but Ap cross section only slightly suppressed

- $\bullet~{\rm re-scale}~\sigma_{\rm pp}$ to common rapidity range
- scale J/Ψ cross section by $\frac{1}{4}$
- perform linear interpolation between σ_{pp} cross sections

• obtain
$$\sigma_{\rm pp} @ \sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 5 \, {\rm TeV}$$





Nuclear modification

Nuclear modification *vs.* rapidity for prompt J/Ψ 's:



and for J/Ψ from b-quarks:

Theory confirmed by data; but more needed to separate saturation from energy loss



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Forward-backward asymmetry

$$r_{\rm FB} \equiv rac{R_{\rm pA}(y)}{R_{\rm Ap}(-y)}$$

asymmetry in forward-backward prompt J/Ψ production:



forward-backward asymmetry for J/Ψ 's from b-quarks:





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R_{FB} vs transverse momenta

Forward-backward asymmetry vs. transverse momentum:





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Charm production in proton-ion collisions

Up to now: only pilot data $(1 \ \mu b^{-1})$ analyzed; proof of principle

- compare charmed hadron production from pp and pA collisions
- single primary vertex
- use RICH's to differentiate between π^{\pm} and \mathbf{K}^{\pm}
- use production ratio to show enhanced particle production in pA collisions

$$R(X) = \frac{N_{\rm pPb}(X)}{N_{\rm pp}(X)} \frac{PV_{\rm pp}}{PV_{\rm pPb}}$$







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- not all data were analyzed... more to come, with better statistics! *e.g* \Upsilon production in proton-ion collisions



