

Measurements of Λ_c^\pm , D_s^\pm , $D^{*\pm}$ and $D^0(\overline{D^0})$ Production in Au+Au Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV at STAR

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Because of their large mass, charm quarks are suggested to be an important tool for studying the properties of the Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) produced in heavy-ion collisions. Recently, measurements at RHIC and LHC have indicated strong energy loss and large elliptic flow for open charm hadrons, similar in magnitude to those of light hadrons. The observed enhancements of Λ_c^\pm and D_s^\pm in Au+Au collisions suggest that the coalescence mechanism plays an important role also for charm quark hadronization.

In this presentation, we will report on the measurements of production of various charmed hadrons (including $D^0(\overline{D^0})$, D_s^\pm , $D^{*\pm}$ and Λ_c^\pm) obtained via topological reconstruction in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, utilizing the Heavy Flavor Tracker at STAR. Precise results on the D^0 yields from the 2014 data are reported for a wide transverse momentum range down to 0 GeV/c in various centrality bins. The D_s^\pm and $D^{*\pm}$ spectra in different collision centralities will also be presented. With the high-statistics data collected in 2014 and 2016, and the usage of a supervised machine learning algorithm for cut optimization, the first measurement of the centrality and transverse momentum dependences of Λ_c^\pm production will be shown. Finally, the total charm quark cross section extracted from these measurements in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV will be presented.

Summary

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