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First determination of D^* -meson fragmentation functions and their uncertainties at next-to-next-to-leading order

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In this talk, I will present the first set of next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) fragmentation functions (FFs) describing the production of charmed-meson D^* from partons [Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.7, 074014]. Exploiting the universality and scaling violations of FFs, we extract the NLO and NNLO FFs through a global fit to all relevant data sets from single-inclusive e^+e^- annihilation. The uncertainties for the resulting FFs as well as the corresponding observables are estimated using the Hessian approach.

We evaluate the quality of the $\{tt\text{ SKM18}\}$ FFs determined in this analysis by comparing with the recent results in literature and show how they describe the available data for single-inclusive $D^{*\pm}$ -meson production in electron-positron annihilation.

As a practical application, we apply the extracted FFs to make our theoretical predictions for the scaled-energy distributions of $D^{*\pm}$ -mesons

inclusively produced in top quark decays. We explore the implications of $\{tt\text{ SKM18}\}$ for LHC phenomenology and show that our findings of this study can be introduced as a channel to indirect search for top-quark properties.

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