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Leptons from HF (Heavy-Flavor) decays : Measurements and Inferences towards small systems

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Heavy Quarks

- Heavy quarks carry information about early stage of collisions:
 - Charm(c) and bottom(b) quarks are massive
 - Formation takes place only early in the collision.
 - Sensitivity to initial gluon density and gluon distribution
 Vs /2
 Vs /2

Selected results on HF and Quarkonia











Why they are good probes?

Heavy Quarks : Why good probes?

Large Mass : $m_{c,b} >> \Lambda_{QCD}$

Are hard probes, even at low p_T

Do not change flavor while interacting with the QCD medium, although the phase-space distribution does change

 $\tau_{prod} \sim 1/2m \sim 0.1~fm <<<\tau_{_{QGP}} \sim 5\text{--}10~fm$

Nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{Yield (A + A)}{Yield (p + p) \times \langle N_{coll} \rangle}$$

- Knowing system properties in a simple way
 - calibrated probe
 - calibrated interaction
 - suppression pattern tells about density profile of the medium
- Heavy-ion (AA) collisions
 - hard processes : calibrated probe
 - transported through the whole evolution of the system
 - suppression provides density measurements

Heavy quarks in pp and pA collisions

pp: test understanding of heavy-quark production

- parton level production processes
- LO contributions:
 - gluon fusion, quark-antiquark annihilation
- NLO contributions: gluon splitting, flavor excitation
- also complex mechanisms, like,

Multi Parton Interactions (MPI)

- understand perturbative QCD calculations where theoretical uncertainties are due to
- renormalization and factorization scales
- quark masses
- production mechanisms via differential measurements
 - multiplicity dependence of heavy-flavor production cross sections
 - angular correlation measurements
- pp collisions act as a reference for pA and AA collisions

pA collisions : Useful as there is no QGP expected while there are some high density effects

- Nuclear modification of Parton Density Functions
- Saturation and shadowing effects
- Energy loss in Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM)
- Multiple binary collisions and k_T broadening
- Help to compare AA collisions

Spectra **Electron and Muon spectra at LHC** ALICE PRL 109, 112301 (2012) Pb+Pb Physics Letters B771(2017) 467-481 pp



- Left plot : the electrons from semi-leptonic decays of HF hadrons at mid-rapidity in Pb-Pb collisions
- Right plot shows the pQCD calculations in agreement with data at forward rapidity in pp collisions 5



yields of leptons from heavy-flavor decays show suppression at high-pT in central Pb-Pb collisions, compared with binary scaled pp collisions

p, (GeV/c)

less suppression in more peripheral collisions

0.2

Medium studies D⁰ mesons in pA collisions : LHC

ALICE, PHYSICAL REVIEW C 94, 054908 (2016)

LHCb, JHEP 1710 (2017) 090



• ALICE R_{DA} data are consistent with 1 within uncertainities

- We see no major modification in pPb and also similar with LHCb

• We need more precise data to be able to separate between the models

D mesons in AA collisions : LHC CMS, Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV, CMS-PAS-HIN-16-001

ALICE, Pb+Pb 2.76 TeV, JHEP 03 (2016) 081

Phys. Lett. B 782 (2018) 474



• Similar suppression in Pb+Pb at 2.76 TeV and 5.02 TeV

Medium studies

Beauty Suppression : LHC

CMS

Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 152301 (2017)



- Consistent with various models
- But we need more precise data to extract detailed underlying mechanism from the various models

System size dependence

Phenix, d-Au Cu+Cu, Au+Au

PRC 90, 034903 (2014)

Phys. Lett. B 819, 136437 (2021)

Medium studies

ALICE, Pb-Pb,Xe-Xe

200 GeV, R_{AA}



- The dAu collisions R_{AA} consistent or larger than 1
- High-pT suppression observed in central Au+Au collisions
- Final-state effect due to the formation of a hot and dense medium.
- Cu+Cu show smaller suppression than central Au+ Au collisions due to the smaller size of the system created in the collisions of the lighter Cu nuclei.



5.44 & 5.02 TeV, R

- We see clear systematic difference between the two sets of R_{AA} results
- Hence showing that the suppression is stronger in Pb-Pb collisions for the same centrality class

Different particle species Medium studies ALICE, CMS

Phenix, d+Au PRL 112, 252301 (2014)



Backward rapidity (-2.0 < y < -1.4, Au-going direction) Forward rapidity (1.4 < y < 2.0, d-going direction)

 J/ψ and open charm at backward rapidity have larger difference compared to forward rapidity

HF & J/ψ

- Maybe related to the longer time this c c state requires to traverse the nuclear matter or the larger density of co-moving particles after the initial collision at backward rapidity
- This comparison motivates that additional CNM effect, nuclear breakup, significantly affects J/ψ production at mid and backward rapidity

Phys. Lett. B 738 (2014) 361



More suppression for bottomonia



 Sequential suppression, consistent with predictions from hadronic comover effects, is observed in pPb, indicating the presence of final-state effects in pPb collisions

Bottomonia flow?

DD and N.Dutta, Int.J.Mod.Phys. A33 (June 2018) no.16, 1850092

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(CERN) Yellow Report on Future physics opportunities for high-density QCD at the LHC with heavy-ion and proton beams *What's new* : ALICE : PRL, 123, 192301 (2019) & CMS : PLB 819, 136385 (2021) comparable at 5.02 TeV Pb+Pb

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ALICE and CMS

- Both CMS and ALICE results show that the geometry of the medium has little influence on the Upsilon (1S) yields and that recombination is not a dominant process in the production
- Path-length dependence of Upsilon (1S) suppression is small



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Medium studies and correlations

Where lies the challenge?

Forward rapidity ALICE, PLB 753 (2016) 41



simultaneous description of HF decay R_{AA} and v_2 is a challenge -- can constrain energy loss models

Medium studies and correlations

ATLAS PRL 124, 082301 (2020)

Small Systems and more challenges?



strong evidence for the collective nature of the long-range correlations observed in pp collisions at LHC



Bottom quarks have less elliptic flow in high multiplicity p+p collisions unlike light and charm quarks

Unanswered Questions and next steps

- Heavy quarks are particularly good probes to study the properties of hot QCD matter
- pp data are important baseline measurements
 - examine interplay of soft and hard processes
- pA which is more than just a control
 - needed to study the CNM effects in various x ranges
- AA collisions : for understanding dense/hot QCD matter
 - strong interaction of heavy quarks with the QCD medium
- But do we understand Pb+Pb at 2.76 TeV and 5.02 TeV ?
- The role of shadowing effect ?
- Flow in pp collisions ?

DD and N.Dutta, Int.J.Mod.Phys. A33 (June 2018) no.16, 1850092 D.Das , Nucl.Phys.A 1007 (2021) 122132

- Next steps :
- -New differential measurements to constrain models and address open questions
- -Need more statistics, better precision & extended coverage (in terms of p_T), Run3/HL-LHC
- •Bottomonia production studies in pA collisions helps in understanding CNM effects -for "small systems" less deeply bound bottomonia states and large chance to escape -such measurements in pA will help us to understand the initial state correlations

MORE

correlations

Comparisons at LHC



Measuring heavy-flavor particles



Heavy-Flavor(HF) hadrons decay via weak interaction:

- decay length $c\tau \sim few 100 \ \mu m$
- measure decay products
- signal on invariant mass distribution
- difficulty is in understanding the background
- need good event mixing and vertex information.
 Measurements of electrons and muons from heavy flavor decays
 - D --> e/μ +X, BR ~ 10%

B --> e/μ +X, BR ~ 11%

