Charmed baryon production in pp collisions with ALICE

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- Open heavy-flavour production measurements in pp collisions:
 - Important test of pQCD-based calculations
 - Sensitive to fragmentation functions determined from e+e- collisions
 - Sensitivity to **low-***x* **gluon PDF** ($p_T \rightarrow 0$)

Charm production at the LHC

Charmed-hadron production - test of pQCD

- Heavy-flavour production extensively studied in hadron collisions
- Cross sections of D mesons at the LHC in agreement with pQCD predictions at central and forward rapidity
- Similar observations made at different collision energies
- Beauty-meson production also described well by theory

 FONLL: M. Cacciari et al. JHEP 05 (1998), JHEP 10 (2012)

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Baryon production measurements

- Very few charmed-baryon production measurements in hadron colliders
 - $\Lambda_{\rm C}$ production measured by LHCb at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV
 - Higher-mass charmed baryon production measurements (e.g. \(\mathcal{E}_c^0\)) only exist in e⁺e⁻ collisions
- Indication in beauty sector that beauty-baryon production depends on collision
 System
 CDF: Phys.Rev.D77:072003,2008
 LHCb: Phys. Rev. D85 , 032008 (2012)

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 Predictions of baryon production including string formation beyond leading colour approximation anticipates *larger* baryon/meson ratios

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LHCb: Nucl. Phys.B871 (2013) 1-20

C. Bierlich, J.R. Christiansen, Phys. Rev. D 92 (2015) 094010 J.R. Christiansen, P.Z. Skands JHEP 08 (2015) 003

Charmed baryon production with ALICE

 Λ_{c} + production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 5.02$ TeV JHEP 1804 (2018) 108

First measurement of Ξ_c^0 production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

Phys.Lett. B781 (2018) 8-19

Note: here I touch on results in p-Pb collisions - see Elisa's talk tomorrow for more information/latest results in p-Pb!

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The ALICE apparatus



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Charmed baryon reconstruction

- PID using TPC via dE/dx and TOF via time-of-flight measurement
 - nσ cuts, or Bayesian approach to identify particles
- Cuts on decay topologies
 exploiting decay vertex
 displacement from primary
 vertex
- **Signal extraction** via invariant mass distribution in bins of transverse momentum
- B feed-down subtraction using pQCD-based estimation of beauty-baryon production
- Efficiency, acceptance corrections

Hadronic decays

 Λ_c^+ baryon M = 2284 MeV/ c^2 Quark content *udc* ct = 60 µm





Charmed baryon reconstruction

- PID using TPC via dE/dx and TOF via time of flight measurement
 - Λ , Ξ candidates reconstructed
- Wrong-sign (WS) e-Λ (e-Ξ-) pairs subtracted from right-sign (RS) spectra e+Λ (e+Ξ-)
- Subtract contributions from:
 - $\Lambda_{b^0}(\Xi_{b^0})$ in wrong-sign spectra
 - $\Xi_c^{0,+}$ in right-sign spectra for Λ_c^+ analysis
- Unfold e⁺Λ(e⁺Ξ⁻) p_T spectra to obtain Λ_c⁺ (Ξ_c⁰) spectra
- B feed-down subtraction using pQCD-based estimation of beauty baryon production (Λ_c+ only!)
- Efficiency, acceptance corrections

 $\begin{array}{lll} \Xi_c{}^+ \mbox{ baryon } & \Lambda_c{}^+ \mbox{ I} \\ M = 2471 \ \mbox{MeV}/c^2 & M = \\ \mbox{Quark content } usc & \mbox{Quar} \\ c\tau = 34 \ \mbox{\mu m } & c\tau = \end{array}$

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Semileptonic decays



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Results

$\Lambda_c^+ p_T$ -differential cross section in pp collisions

- Λ_c+ p_T-differential cross section
 significantly underestimated by theory
 - GM-VFNS: Next-to-leading order QCD with large logarithms resummed to all orders
 - Non-perturbative fragmentation estimated from e+e- collision data
 B.A. Kniehl, G. Kramer: Phys. Rev. D 74 (2006) 037502
 - **POWHEG:** MC generator with next-to-leading order accuracy
 - PYTHIA parton shower



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Λ_{c} + p_{T} -differential cross section in pp collisions



Λ_{c} +/D⁰ baryon-to-meson ratio vs models



- Λ_{c^+}/D^0 ratio higher than expectation from MC
- PYTHIA8 tune with enhanced colour reconnection closer to data
 - String formation beyond the leading-colour approximation
- Flat rapidity trend predicted by models not in agreement with ALICE and LHCb measurements

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Λ_c+/D⁰ baryon-to-meson ratio



• ALICE measurement systematically higher than LHCb

Λ_c+/D⁰ baryon-to-meson ratio

Measurement	$\Lambda_{c}^{+}/D^{0} \pm \text{stat.} \pm \text{syst.}$	System	√s (GeV)	Kinematics
CLEO	0.119 ± 0.021 ± 0.019	ee	10.55	
ARGUS	0.127 ± 0.031 (stat.+syst.)	ee	10.55	
LEP average	0.113 ± 0.013 ± 0.006	ee	91.2	
ZEUS DIS	$0.124 \pm 0.034^{+0.025}_{-0.022}$	ер	320	$1 < Q^2 < 1000 \text{ GeV}^2, \ 0 < p_T < 10 \text{ GeV/c}, \ 0.02 < y < 0.7$
ZEUS γp HERA I	$0.220 \pm 0.035 ^{+0.027}_{-0.037}$	ер	320	130 < W < 300 GeV, Q² < 1 GeV², <i>p</i> _T > 3.8 GeV/c, η < 1.6
ZEUS γp HERA II	$0.107 \pm 0.018 ^{+0.009}_{-0.014}$	ер	320	130 < W < 300 GeV, Q² < 1 GeV², <i>p</i> _T > 3.8 GeV/c, η < 1.6
ALICE	0.543 ± 0.061 ± 0.160	рр	7000	1 < <i>p</i> _T < 8 GeV/c, η < 0.5
ALICE	0.602 ± 0.060 ^{+0.159} -0.087	pPb	5020	2 < <i>p</i> _T < 12 GeV/c, η < 0.5

- Baryon-to-meson ratio higher than previous measurements in different collision systems + kinematic regimes (+ LHCb at ~0.2-0.3)
- For a more robust comparison it will be very important to measure the Λ_c^+ down to $p_T=0$ with good precision

$\Xi_c^0 p_T$ -differential cross section in pp collisions



- Ξ_c^0 production cross-section-times-branching-ratio measured from $1 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - Not feed-down corrected includes $\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi_c {}^0X \rightarrow e^+\Xi^-v_e$

$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+\Xi^-v_e/D^0$ baryon-to-meson ratio

- Baryon-to-meson ratio $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+\Xi^-v_e/D^0$ higher than expectation from theory
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+\Xi^-v_e$ branching ratio not known: range in prediction bands (0.83-4.2%) is the envelope of theoretical predictions

Phys. Rev. D40 (1989) 2955, Phys. Rev. D43 (1991) 2939, Phys. Rev. D53 (1996) 1457

 PYTHIA8 with enhanced colour reconnection closer to data



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Summary and perspectives

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- *p*_T-dependent baryon production?
 - Fragmentation/coherence effects manifest themselves in different baryon-tomeson p_T shapes
 - Kinematic range covered by different measurements not exactly the same important to extend measurement to p_T=0
- Multiplicity-dependent baryon production?
 - Baryon production could be modified at higher/lower multiplicities
- Energy-dependent baryon production?
 - Continuity from e^+e^- energies \rightarrow LHC energies?

Backup

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- Cross sections of B mesons at the LHC in agreement with pQCD predictions
 - FONLL, GM-VFNS: Next-to-leading order with next-to-leading-log resummation
 - POWHEG, MC@NLO: MC generators with next-to-leading order accuracy, with leading-log Parton shower
- Similar agreement of charm and beauty meson production with theory at Tevatron

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POWHEG: S. Frixione et al. JHEP 09 (2007) 126 MC@NLO: JHEP 08 (2003) 007

pp: total charm and beauty cross section

ALICE: Phys. Rev. C 94 (2016) 054908 ALICE: Phys. Lett. B 763, (2016) 507-509



Total charm and beauty cross section described well by predictions at NLO

pp: Charm quark fragmentation

Can hadronisation be modified?



- Multi-parton interactions, coherence effects at LHC energies may affect hadronisation
- e.g. within PYTHIA, enhanced colour reconnection modes gives better agreement with measured N/K⁰s ratio
 - String formation beyond the leading-colour approximation, specific tuning of the colour reconnection parameters
 - String junctions provide new source of baryon production
- Gives physical, microscopic picture of hadronisation

Interesting to extend these studies to heavy-flavour sector $\rightarrow \Lambda_{C}^{+}/D^{0}$

C. Bierlich, J.R. Christiansen, Phys. Rev. D 92 (2015) 094010 J.R. Christiansen, P.Z. Skands JHEP 08 (2015) 003 25

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pp: D meson ratios



- Production ratios of D mesons compatible with theoretical predictions (in which charm fragmentation is based mainly on measurements in e⁺e⁻ collisions)
- Include Λ_C+: Very few charmed baryon production measurements in hadron colliders
 LHCb: Nuclear Physics, Section B 871 (2013)

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pp(pp): Beauty baryon fragmentation

Indications that the fraction of b-baryons depends on the collision system

 b-baryon fragmentation in pp
 collisions over 2x that in e+e- at
 Z resonance (though
 uncertainties large)

- **2.** p_T dependence for $f_{\Lambda b} / (f_u + f_d)$ [3] ($f_q = B(b \rightarrow B_q)$) at the LHC
 - Similar observation at the Tevatron in pp
 collisions

Table 1: Fragmentation fractions of b quarks into weakly-decaying b-hadron species in $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay, in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV.

$b~{\rm hadron}$	Fraction at Z $[\%]$	Fraction at $\overline{p}p[\%]$
B^+, B^0	40.4 ± 0.9	33.9 ± 3.9
B_s	10.3 ± 0.9	11.1 ± 1.4
\boldsymbol{b} baryons	8.9 ± 1.5	21.2 ± 6.9



http://pdg.lbl.gov/2015/reviews/rpp2015-rev-b-meson-prod-decay.pdf

LHCb: Phys. Rev. D85, 032008 (2012)

CDF: Phys.Rev.D77:072003,2008

pp: Ξ_c^0 production

• Exotic charmed baryons in the news recently (Ξ_{cc}^{++} , Ω_c^0 resonances)

LHCb: LHCb-PAPER-2017-018 LHCb: Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 182001 (2017)

- Charm hadron *production* measurements in hadron collisions limited to low-mass mesons and baryons
 - Only Ξ_c⁰ production measurements in e⁺e⁻ collisions
- New measurements of charmed baryons could provide further insight into hadronisation mechanisms



ARGUS: Phys. Lett. B247 (1990) 121
ARGUS: Phys. Lett. B303 (1993) 368.
CLEO: Phys. Rev. Lett. 74 (1995) 3113.
ARGUS: Phys. Lett. B342 (1995) 397. 12
BABAR: Phys. Rev. Lett. 95 (2005) 142003

p-Pb: Heavy-flavour production

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- Modification to charmed baryon production in p-Pb collisions?
 - (strange) //K ratio increases towards higher multiplicity



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Strange baryon-to-meson ratio

- Enhancement in the baryon-to-meson ratio is also expected if coalescence has a role to play in hadronisation
 - Proton/pion and *N*/K⁰_s ratios **enhanced in Pb-Pb collisions**
 - A similar enhancement is seen in high multiplicity p-Pb collisions



Coalescence? flow? Interplay between both effects?

pp and p-Pb collisions

- Many of these studies fit into the broader scope of understanding many 'Pb-Pblike' phenomena emerging in high multiplicity pp/p-Pb collisions:
 - Di-hadron azimuthal correlations to Large Δη
 Large Δη
 - Mass-dependent azimuthal anisotropy ALICE: Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013) 164-177



ALICE: Phys. Lett. B 728 (2014) 25 CMS: Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014) 2847

Strangeness enhancement...

ALICE: Nature Physics 13, 535-539 (2017)

What is the origin of the continuity of phenomena seen from small to large systems?



Charmed baryon BDT analysis

Hadronic decays

- BDT analysis performed for the Λ_c⁺ → pK⁻π⁺ and Λ_c⁺ → pK⁰_S in p-Pb collisions
- BDT trained on simulated signal sample, and background sample from simulation or data
 - Input variables include p_T of decay products, topological properties of decay, and PID variables
- Final result merged with std. analysis taking into account correlation between analyses



Analysis allows for slightly better statistical precision + gain in signal efficiency

TMVA: PoS(ACAT)040

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Charmed baryon signal extraction



 Signal extracted from 2 < p_T < 12 GeV/c in p-Pb collisions

Hadronic decays

 Signal extracted from 2 < p_T < 8 GeV/c in pp collisions

p_T -differential cross section measurement (Λ_C^+)



p_T -differential cross section measurement (Ξ_C^0)

Extracted raw yield in the fiducial acceptance



Semileptonic RS-WS subtraction



 Wrong-sign subtracted eE spectrum shape in agreement with expectation from simulation

Charmed baryon corrections

• Correct for:

Semileptonic decays

- $\Lambda_{b^0} \rightarrow e^-\Lambda_c^+ \bar{v}_e \rightarrow e^-\Lambda X$ ($\Xi_{b^0} \rightarrow e^-\Xi^-v_e X$) contribution in wrong-sign spectra:
 - Λ_b^0 contribution from Λ_b^0 measurement by CMS* up to 10% correction
 - Ξ_b^0 production not measured contribution estimated from BR(b $\rightarrow \Xi_b$)· BR($\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi^{-1-vX}$) and BR(b $\rightarrow \Lambda_b^0$)·BR($\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^{-vX}$) measurements in e⁺e⁻ collisions^{*} - Up to 2% correction
- $\Xi_c^{0,+} \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^{-,0}v \rightarrow e^+ \Lambda \pi^{-,0}v$ contribution in right-sign spectra for Λ_c^+ measurement (2 methods):
 - **1.** Determined from measured Ξ_c^0 cross section and measured BR($\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^0 v_e$)/BR($\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- v_e$) ratio
 - 2. $c\tau(\Lambda_{c^+} \rightarrow \Lambda + X) < c\tau(\Xi_c \rightarrow \Xi + X \rightarrow \Lambda + X)$ MC fit to Λ distance from primary vertex

 $\rightarrow \Xi_c^{0,-}$ feed-down fraction = 0.46 ± 0.06

- **Unfold** $e^+\Lambda(e^+\Xi^-) p_T$ spectra to obtain Λ_c^+ ($\Xi c0$) spectra
- B feed-down subtraction using pQCD-based estimation of beauty baryon production (Λ_c+ only!)
- Efficiency, acceptance corrections

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CMS: Phys. Lett. B714 (2012) 136–157
 ALEPH: Phys. Lett. B384 (1996) 449
 ALEPH: Eur. Phys. J. C2 (1998) 197
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 74 (1995) 3113

Systematic uncertainties in pp collisions

Sustamatia una sourca	$\Lambda_{c^{+}} - > pK^{-}\pi^{+}$		$\Lambda_{c}^{+} - > pK^{0}s$	
Systematic unc. source	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High <i>р</i> т (%)	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High <i>р</i> т (%)
Yield extraction	11	4	7	9
Tracking efficiency	4	3	7	5
Cut efficiency	11	12	5	6
PID efficiency	4	4	5	5
MC pT shape	2	2	negl.	1.5
B feed-down	+1 -4	+2 -11	negl. -2	+1 -4
BR	5.1		5.0	

Similar for p-Pb (backup)

Sustamatia una sourca	Λ _c + ->	e+Λv _e	Ξ _c ⁰ -> e+Ξ-ν _e		
Systematic unc. source	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High <i>p</i> т (%)	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High <i>p</i> т (%)	
Yield extraction	17	17	5	5	
Efficiency, acceptance	28	13	30	14	
Missing neutrino momentum	3	11	29	10	
B feed-down	negl.	+1 -7	-		
BR	11		-		

Luminosity uncertainty = 3.5%

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Hadronic decay

analyses

Semileptonic

decay analyses

Systematic uncertainties in p-Pb collisions

STD analysis

BDT analysis

	$\Lambda_{c}^{+} - pK^{-}\pi^{+}$		$\Lambda_{c}^{+} - > pK^{0}s$	
Systematic unc. source	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High <i>p</i> т (%)	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High <i>р</i> т (%)
Yield extraction	10	11	10	10
Tracking efficiency	10	7	10	6
Cut efficiency	9	12	5	7
PID efficiency	6	6	6	6
MC pT shape	2	2	1	3
B feed-down	+1 -5	+2 -10	negl.	negl.
BR	5.1		5.0	

	Λ _c + -> pK-π+		$\Lambda_{c}^{+} - > pK^{0}s$	
Systematic unc. source	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High <i>р</i> т (%)	Low <i>p</i> _T (%)	High р т (%)
Yield extraction	7	4	11	8
Tracking efficiency	10	7	10	6
Cut efficiency	8	6	5	8
PID efficiency	negl.	negl.	negl.	negl.
MC pT shape	negl.	3	negl.	negl.
B feed-down	+1 -5	+2 -10	negl. -3	+2 -7
BR	5.1		5.0	

Luminosity uncertainty = 3.7%

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$\Lambda_c^+ p_T$ -differential cross sections



• Good agreement between different decay channels + analysis methods

$\Lambda_{c}^{+}p_{T}$ -differential cross section in p-Pb collisions

- Λ_c⁺ p_T-differential cross section
 significantly underestimated by theory
 - **POWHEG:** MC generator with nextto-leading order accuracy
 - PYTHIA parton shower
 - Shao et al. : Data-driven model tuned on pp data at forward rapidity
 - Parameterises scattering amplitude using fit to LHCb Λ_c^+ cross section in pp collisions (2 < y < 4.5, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, 2 < p_T < 8 GeV/c)
 - Both models include EPS09
 parameteristion of nuclear PDF



POWHEG: S. Frixione et al.: JHEP 09 (2007) 126 Shao et al: Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017)

Λ_c^+/D^0 baryon-to-meson ratio vs models



• Λ_c^+/D^0 in p-Pb collisions recently measured by the LHCb experiment shows a flatter trend with rapidity

LHCb Λ_c^+/D^0 in p-Pb collisions



 Lc/D0 in p-Pb collisions measured by the LHCb experiment shows a flatter trend with rapidity

Λ_c+ nuclear modification factor *R*_{pPb}



$$\boldsymbol{R}_{\text{pPb}}(\boldsymbol{p}_{\text{T}}) = \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{A}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\text{pPb}} / \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{p}_{\text{T}}}{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\text{pp}} / \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{p}_{\text{T}}}$$

 $R_{pPb} < 1 =$ suppression $R_{pPb} > 1 =$ enhancement

- Λ_{c^+} nuclear modification factor R_{pPb}
 - consistent with unity
 - Consistent with D-meson R_{pPb}

Minimal modification w.r.t pp collisions within uncertainties

Λ_c+ nuclear modification factor R_{pPb}



- Λ_c+R_{pPb} consistent with models assuming cold nuclear matter effects, or 'hot' medium effects
 - POWHEG + PYTHIA with CT10NLO+EPS09 PDF parameterisation of nuclear PDF
 - **POWLANG** 'small-size' QGP formation, collisional energy loss only

POWHEG: JHEP 09 (2007) 126 POWLANG: JHEP 03 (2016) 123