

# Production of Heavy Flavour in ATLAS

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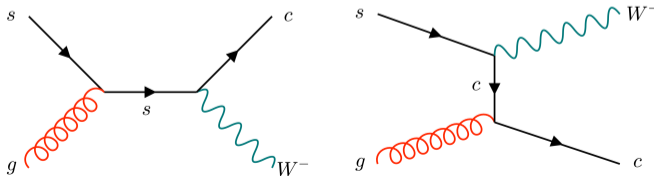
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This talk will cover the following analyses:

- Measurement of the production of a W boson in association with a charmed hadron in  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector ..... [CERN-EP-2022-291](#)
- Production of  $\Upsilon(nS)$  mesons in  $Pb + Pb$  and  $pp$  collisions at 5.02 TeV.....[Phys. Rev. C 107 \(2023\) 054912](#)

- The production of a  $W$  boson in association with a single charm quark is studied using  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$   $pp$  collisions
- This analysis aims to improve knowledge of parton distribution functions (PDFs) of strange quarks
- In perturbative quantum chromodynamics (QCD), the production of a  $W$  boson in association with a single charm quark occurs through the scattering of a gluon and a down-type quark
- The dominant production process at LHC is from  $gs \rightarrow W^- c$  and its charge conjugate
- $gd \rightarrow W^- c (g\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ \bar{c})$  contributes only  $\sim 10\%$  ( $5\%$ ) to the  $W^- c (W^+ \bar{c})$  rate
- The leading-order diagrams for  $W^- + c$  production are the following:



- The ATLAS measurement examines the  $W$  boson in association with the  $D^{(*)}$  meson
- Events in which the  $W$  boson decays to an electron or a muon ( $W \rightarrow e\nu$  and  $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ ) are studied and the presence of the charm quark is detected through explicit charmed hadron reconstruction
- The reconstruction relies on different categories of electrons and muons: *baseline*, *loose* and *tight*

	Electrons			Muons		
Features	baseline	loose	tight	baseline	loose	tight
$p_T$	$> 20 \text{ GeV}$	$> 30 \text{ GeV}$		$> 20 \text{ GeV}$	$> 30 \text{ GeV}$	
$ \Delta z_0^{\text{BL}} \sin(\theta) $	$< 0.5 \text{ mm}$			$< 0.5 \text{ mm}$		
$ d_0^{\text{BL}}/\sigma(d_0^{\text{BL}}) $	$< 5$			$< 3$		
Pseudorapidity	$( \eta  < 1.37) \cup (1.52 <  \eta  < 2.47)$			$ \eta  < 2.5$		
Identification	Tight			Tight		
Isolation	No		Yes	No		Yes

- The presence of a reconstructed jet is not required
- Events are required to have exactly one lepton (events with additional leptons are rejected)
- To reduce multijet background,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_T(W) > 60 \text{ GeV}$  is required

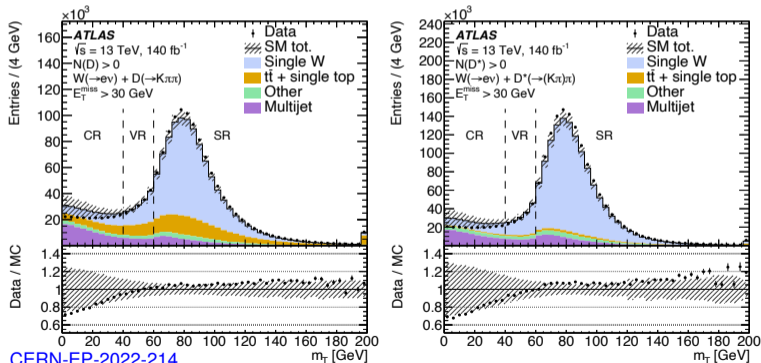
- Events containing c-quarks are identified by explicitly reconstructing charmed mesons in charged, hadronic decay channels
- Two charmed hadron channels are used:
  - $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
  - $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+ \rightarrow (K^- \pi^+) \pi^+$
- Multiple  $D^{(*)}$  candidates are allowed
- The selected events are categorized according to the  $b - jet$  multiplicity to separate  $W + D^{(*)}$  signal events from the  $t\bar{t}$  background with events containing  $W \rightarrow cs$  decays
- Events with 0  $b - jets$  are classified as the  $W + D^{(*)}$  signal region (**SR**)
- Events with one or more  $b - tag$  jets comprise to Top control region (**CR**)

- MC samples are used to construct signal and background mass templates (except for the multijet background):

Category	Normalization	$m(D^{(*)})$ shape
$W+D^{(*)}$ ( $D^+$ channel)	SHERPA 2.2.11	SHERPA 2.2.11
$W+D^{(*)}$ ( $D^*$ channel)	SHERPA 2.2.11	AMC@NLO+PY8 (NLO)
$W+c^{\text{match}}$ ( $D^+$ channel)	MG+PY8 (CKKW-L)	MG+PY8 (CKKW-L)
$W+c^{\text{match}}$ ( $D^*$ channel)	SHERPA 2.2.11	SHERPA 2.2.11
$W+c^{\text{mis-match}}$	SHERPA 2.2.11	LIS SHERPA 2.2.11
$W+\text{jets}$ ( $D^+$ channel)	SHERPA 2.2.11	LIS SHERPA 2.2.11
$W+\text{jets}$ ( $D^*$ channel)	MG+PY8 (CKKW-L)	LIS MG+PY8 (CKKW-L)

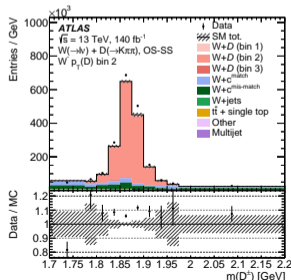
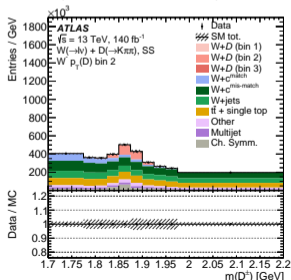
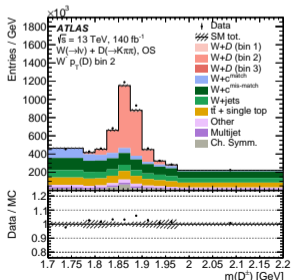
- MC truth information is used to categorize the events as: **signal** (all tracks match signal decay), **match** (tracks match different hadron species or different channel), **mis-match** (at least one track is matched) and  **$W+\text{jets}$**  (no track is matched)
- Two background categories are used: **Top** ( $t\bar{t}$ , single- $t$ ,  $t\bar{t}X$ ) and **Others** (di-boson,  $Z+\text{jets}$ )
- The hadronization rates are reweighted to the world-average values

- Multijet background is data driven based on Matrix Method <sup>[1]</sup>
- It arise if one or more constituents of a jet are misidentified as a prompt lepton
- It is extracted from the fake CR and is extrapolated to the SR
- The validation of the extrapolation is made in the validation region (VR)



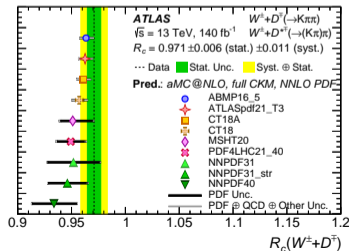
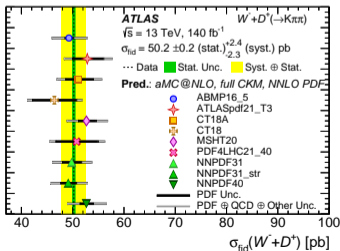
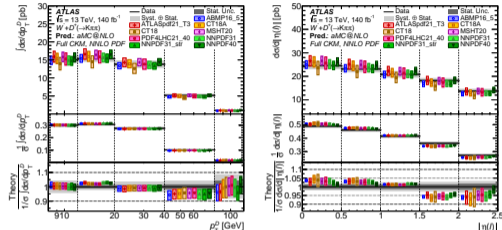
<sup>[1]</sup>ATLAS Collaboration, [CERN-EP-2022-214](#)

- The analysis exploits the charge correlations of the  $W$  boson and the charm quark to enhance the signal (signal has  $W$  and  $D^{(*)}$  with opposite charge (OS), while background is mostly same sign(SS))
- Signal is extracted by measuring difference in the number of OS and SS candidates
- The signal  $W + D^{(*)}$  events are extracted through a profile likelihood fit to the reconstructed secondary vertex mass distribution measuring:
  - absolute fiducial cross-section:  $\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^- + D^{(*)})$  and  $\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^+ + D^{(*)})$
  - the cross-section ratio:  $R_c^\pm = \sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^+ + D^{(*)}) / \sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^- + D^{(*)})$
  - differential cross-sections for OS-SS  $W^- + D^{(*)}$  and  $W^+ + D^{(*)}$



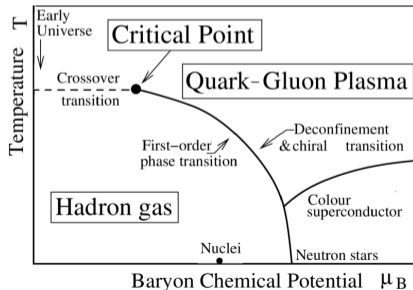


- The differential cross-section is made in 5 bins of  $p_T(D^{(*)})$  and 5 bins of  $|\eta(D)|$
- Post-fit comparisons between the data and MC distributions
- The precision of ratio measurement is  $\sim 1\%$  level
- Extensive systematic uncertainty study was made
- The measured fiducial cross-sections for each of the four channels are compared with the theoretical predictions obtained using different NNLO PDF sets

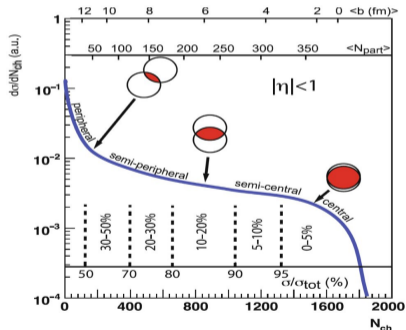


Channel	$\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W+D^{(*)}) \times B(W \rightarrow \ell\nu)$ [pb]
$W^-+D^+$	$50.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat.)}^{+2.4}_{-2.3} \text{ (syst.)}$
$W^++D^-$	$48.5 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat.)}^{+2.3}_{-2.2} \text{ (syst.)}$
$W^-+D^{*+}$	$51.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat.)}^{+1.9}_{-1.8} \text{ (syst.)}$
$W^++D^{*-}$	$50.0 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat.)}^{+1.9}_{-1.8} \text{ (syst.)}$
$R_c^\pm = \sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^++D^{(*)}) / \sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{OS-SS}}(W^-+D^{(*)})$	
$R_c^\pm(D^+)$	$0.965 \pm 0.007 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.012 \text{ (syst.)}$
$R_c^\pm(D^{*+})$	$0.980 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.013 \text{ (syst.)}$
$R_c^\pm(D^{(*)})$	$0.971 \pm 0.006 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.011 \text{ (syst.)}$

- Quantum chromodynamics (QCD) predicts a phase transition at high temperatures and energy densities and formation of quark–gluon plasma (QGP)
- The transition temperature is measured to be  $T_c \sim 155$  MeV
- Formation of the QGP and the consequent modification to the heavy-quark potential is expected to lead to different quarkonium states dissolving at different temperatures of the medium
- It was found that the  $\Upsilon(1S)$  persists well above  $T_c$ , while  $\Upsilon(2S)$  dissociates at about  $1.1 T_c$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$  can not exist at temperatures above  $T_c$



- ATLAS experiment measured the  $\Upsilon(nS)$  production cross-section in  $pp$  and  $Pb + Pb$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  TeV per nucleon–nucleon pair
- The integrated luminosity of the  $pp$  sample collected in 2017 is  $0.26 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  while for the  $PbPb$  sample it corresponds to  $0.44 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in 2015 and  $1.38 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in the 2018 data sample
- The degree of overlap between the two colliding Pb nuclei, called centrality, is estimated based on the transverse energy measured in the forward calorimeter ( $\sum E_T^{FCal}$ )
- Each centrality class corresponds to a fixed percentile in the  $\sum E_T^{FCal}$  distribution of minimum-bias events
- A Monte Carlo Glauber-based model<sup>[1]</sup> is used to calculate the mean number of participant nucleons  $\langle N_{part} \rangle$  and the mean nuclear overlap function  $\langle T_{AA} \rangle$



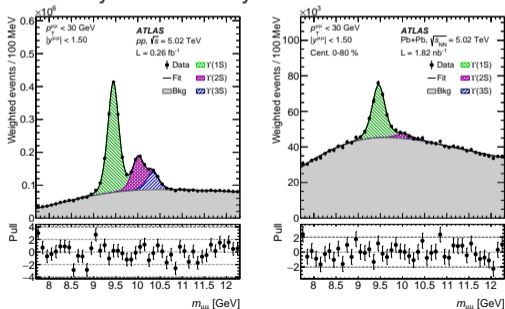
<sup>[1]</sup>M. L. Miller, K. Reygers, S. J. Sanders and P. Steinberg, Glauber modeling in high energy nuclear collisions, [Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 57 \(2007\)](#)

- $\Upsilon(nS)$  states are reconstructed in the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decay channel and their yields are determined via unbinned maximum-likelihood fits to the weighted di-muon invariant mass distributions

$$w_{\text{total}}(\Upsilon(nS)) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}(\Upsilon(nS)) \times \epsilon_{\text{reco}}(\mu_1\mu_2) \times \epsilon_{\text{trig}}(\mu_1\mu_2) \times \epsilon_{\text{pvAsso}}(\mu_1\mu_2)},$$

where  $\epsilon_{\text{pvAsso}}$  is the efficiency related to the primary-vertex association

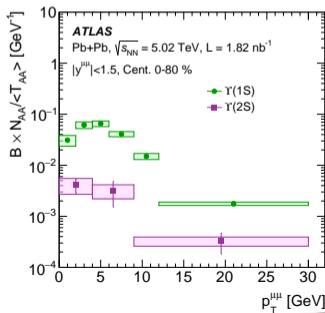
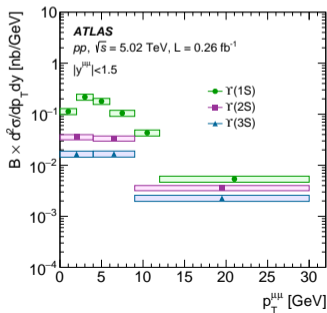
- The signal shapes are described by a sum of Crystal Ball and Gaussian functions in both  $pp$  and  $PbPb$ .



- The differential  $\Upsilon(nS)$  production cross-sections in  $pp$  are measured according to the relation

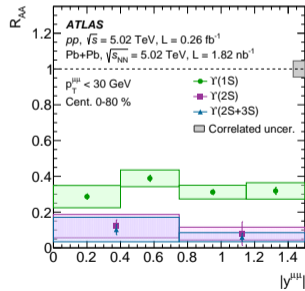
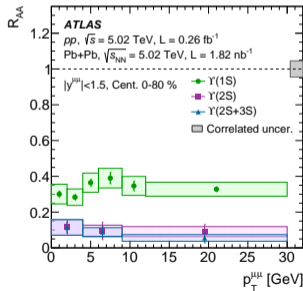
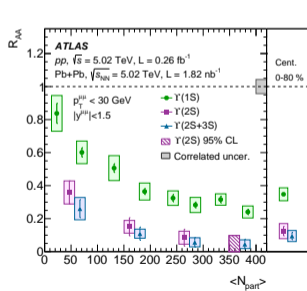
$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{\Upsilon(nS)}}{dp_T^{\mu\mu} dy^{\mu\mu}} \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{N_{\Upsilon(nS)}^{\text{corr}}}{\Delta p_T^{\mu\mu} \times \Delta y^{\mu\mu} \times \int \mathcal{L} dt}$$

- And for the  $PbPb$  collisions we assume:  $N_{AA} = \frac{N_{\Upsilon(nS)}^{\text{corr}}}{\Delta p_T^{\mu\mu} \times \Delta y^{\mu\mu} \times N_{\text{evt}}}$  where  $N_{\text{evt}}$  is the total number of minimum-bias Pb+Pb collisions in each centrality class

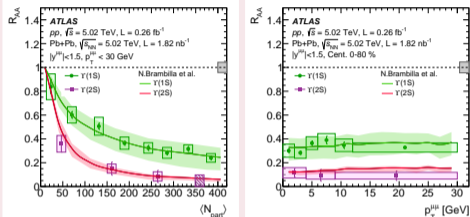


- The modifications of bottomonium production yields in  $PbPb$  collisions relative to the  $pp$  system are quantified by the nuclear modification factor  $R_{AA}$ , which can be defined for each centrality interval as

$$R_{AA} = \frac{N_{AA}}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \times \sigma^{pp}}$$

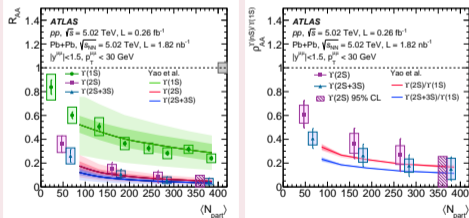


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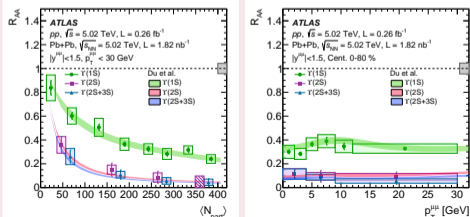


- The measured results are compared with the theoretical predictions
- All three models are in agreement with the data within experimental and theoretical uncertainties

X. Yao et al.<sup>[3]</sup>



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<sup>[1]</sup>N. Brambilla et al., Phys. Rev. D **104** (2021) no.9, 094049

<sup>[2]</sup>X. Du et al., Phys. Rev. C **96** (2017) no.5, 054901

<sup>[3]</sup>X. Yao et al., JHEP **01** (2021), 046

- Some of the most recent results in heavy flavor physics by ATLAS was presented
- W production in association with charm decay  $D^{(*)}$  shows good agreement with the predictions and provides useful constraints upon global PDF fits
- The  $\Upsilon(nS)$  production cross-section was measured and nuclear modification factor was compared to various models
- All results shows good agreement with the previous CMS measurement<sup>[1]</sup>



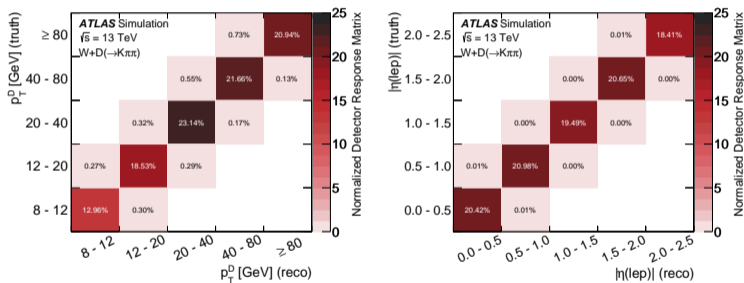
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<sup>[1]</sup>CMS Collaboration, Suppression of Excited  $\Upsilon$  States Relative to the Ground State in Pb-Pb Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **120** (2018) no.14, 142301



# Backup slides

- The  $W + D^{(*)}$  measurement is unfolded to “truth” fiducial region defined at MC particle level
- The response matrices are made for differential  $p_T(D^{(*)})$  and  $|\eta(l)|$  bins



- Events where the reconstructed objects pass the event selection but the truth objects fail the truth fiducial requirements are treated as fakes
- Cases where the reconstructed objects fail the reconstruction fiducial selection but the truth objects pass the truth selection are treated as inefficiencies