Lessons from heavy flavour production at HERA



- Introduction, relation to EIC, HERA data preservation + Lessons
- HERA Heavy Flavour review + Lessons
- Recent HERA Heavy Flavour results + Lessons
- Conclusions and outlook

The HERA ep collider and experiments



Synergy with future experiments: EIC

many EIC topics common with HERA





 some EIC members have recently joined ZEUS or H1 to work on common analysis topics with real ZEUS or H1 data, more welcome!
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Charm in ep Charged Current reactions

JHEP 05 (2019) 201, arXiv: 1904.03261





Sets the stage for future measurements at EIC/LHeC/... -> see next presentation (S. Sekula)

Lesson: HERA relevance for EIC

- Many of the HERA heavy flavour physics topics remain relevant, in particular in the context of EIC
- The full HERA data remain available for analysis (in simplified format for ZEUS, in original format for H1)
- Many important physics topics which can be addressed with the existing HERA data have not yet been addressed, due to lack of person power; a publishable result can be produced (e.g. in ZEUS) by a master student or a part-time PhD student within ~ a year

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Additional person power from the EIC community is most welcome

How to get access to the HERA data

- **ZEUS:** (common ntuples, flat root ntuples, only software needed: plain root, almost any version); both HERA I and HERA II data contact <u>Matthew.Wing@desy.de</u> (ZEUS spokesperson) (or me)
- either access for specific single project/paper for common publication, or
- become full ZEUS member (no fees/chores beyond working on the physics) and participate in all papers
- H1: (dedicated OO framework) contact <u>Stefan.Schmitt@desy.de</u> (H1 spokesperson) to become H1 member (no fees fees/chores beyond working on the physics)

HERMES: contact <u>Gunar.Schnell@desy.de</u> (HERMES spokesperson)

for more details, see also https://indico.bnl.gov/event/9287/contributions/41457/attachments/30600/48033/EIC_2020.pdf

Review of open charm & beauty at HERA

arXiv:1506.07519

Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 84 (2015) 1-72

discussion of ~60 papers Review by H1 and ZEUS + theory, Keywords: Charm Beauty 1995-2015 Top HERA



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Charm, beauty and top at HERA

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DIS Photoproduction

ABSTRACT

Results on open charm and beauty production and on the search for top production in high-energy electron-proton collisions at HERA are reviewed. This includes a discussion of relevant theoretical aspects, a summary of the available measurements and measurement techniques, and their impact on improved understanding of QCD and its parameters, such as parton density functions and charm- and beauty-quark masses. The impact of these results on measurements at the LHC and elsewhere is also addressed.

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(also includes discussion of different heavy flavour schemes)

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Example: all charm photoproduction cross section measurements

No.	Analysis	c-Tag	Ref.	Exp.	Data	$\mathcal{L}~[pb^{-1}]$	$Q^2\;[GeV^2]$	y	Particle	$p_T \; [GeV]$	η	Events	effect. s:b	bgfree events
1	D^* incl.	$K\pi\pi_s$	[166]	ZEUS	93	0.5	< 4	[0.15, 0.84]	D^*	> 1.7	[-1.5, 1.5]	48 ± 11	1:1.5	19
2	D [*] tagged	$K\pi\pi_s$	[167]	H1	94	2.8	< 0.01	[0.28, 0.65]	D^*	> 2.5	[-1.5, 1.0]	119 ± 16	1:1.2	55
	incl.		8 N			1.3	< 4	[0.10, 0.80]	Ĭ			97 ± 15	1:1.3	42
3	D^* incl.	$K\pi\pi_s$	[168]	ZEUS	94	3.0	< 4	[0.15, 0.87]	D^*	> 3	[-1.5, 1.0]	152 ± 16	1:0.7	90
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4	D [*] tagged	$K\pi\pi_s$	[169]	H1	95-96	10.2	< 0.009	[0.02, 0.32]	D^*	> 2	[-1.5, 1.5]	299 ± 75	n.a.	16
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5	D^* incl.	$K\pi\pi_s$	[170]	ZEUS	96-97	37	< 1	[0.19, 0.87]	D^*	> 2	[-1.5, 1.5]	3702 ± 136	1:4.0	741
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6	D^* incl.	$K\pi\pi_s$	[171]	ZEUS	98-00	79	< 1	[0.17, 0.77]	D^*	[1.9, 20]	[-1.6, 1.6]	10350 ± 190	1:2.5	2970
7	D^* tagged	$K\pi\pi_8$	[172]	H1	99-00	51	< 0.01	[0.29, 0.65]	D^*	>2	[-1.5, 1.5]	1166 ± 82	1:4.8	202
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similar for DIS

-> "work horse": D* (and lifetime-tagged jets)

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Lesson: Tracking

- Tracking is crucial for the reconstruction of charm and beauty final states
- The D* is the `workhorse', *if* you can reconstruct the `slow pion' from D*->D $^{0}\pi$ decay (complements secondary vertex/impact parameter reconstruction)
- Most of the charm cross section is forward and/or at low p_T (beauty more central)
- Statistics is the limitation for beauty studies

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Forsee widest possible fiducial coverage for tracking, as much forward as you can, and down to 50 MeV pions, on largest possible statistics

-> compare detector session on Friday

Combined D* cross sections in DIS

arXiv:1503.06042, JHEP 1509 (2015) 149

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customised choice: - reduced renormalisation scale
- modified scale dependence of fragmentation
4. 11. 20 - slightly lower charm mass (all within uncertainty)

Lesson: Phenomenological calculations

- Phenomenological QCD (+EW) theory calculations are essential, but not entirely trivial.
- Only few theorists are currently active e.g. in differential NNLO predictions for heavy flavours in ep/gamma p/eN/gamma N collisions,

(ep total see talk S. Moch, pp differential see talk A. Mitov, PDF talks see P. Nadolsky, J. Rojo, V. Guzey)

or in NLO+NLL PS MC predictions for such processes

(with the exception of those present at this workshop, of course \odot)

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Encourage your theory collegues to get involved in such calculations, both for photoproduction and DIS, and both for proton and nuclear collisions, well before EIC starts.







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Lesson: Fragmentation

- ep collisions are a great environment to study heavy flavour fragmentation fractions and functions
- lately nonuniversality found at LHC for in both pp and heavy ion collisions, in particular for baryons (need proton particle id)

see also talk I. Schienbein tomorrow

- restudy in ep: need to access lowest possible p_{T} and highest possible rapidities

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Forsee widest possible fiducial coverage for heavy flavour reconstruction, with particle id

see also detector session on Friday

Diffractive D* production in DIS





Diffractive fraction



diffractive fraction in DIS well described using diffractive PDF (from DIS data)

(H1/ZEUS discussion about diffractive charm in PhP remains open)

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Lesson: Heavy flavours in Diffraction

- Diffractive production of heavy flavours remains a hot topic, in particular for photoproduction (corresponding HERA II data not yet analyzed)
- Universality of diffractive PDF is known to be badly broken when going to pp ("gap survival factor")
- Comparison with ultra-peripheral Pb p (i.e. gamma p) collisions at LHC would be possible and desirable

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Encourage your experimental collegues to get involved in such measurements (with HERA or LHC data, later with EIC)

Differential cross sections bb-> $\mu\mu$ +X



Good agreement with HERA I result, smaller data uncertainties. Shape of NLO prediction agrees well with data. Normalisation agreement better for reduced QCD scale (NNLO corrections, also to bb correlations, potentially large)

Total beauty cross section in ep @ 318 GeV

ZEUS-prel-18-006

Total cross section: using MC cross section x scale factor + corrections

• HERA I paper: JHEP02 (2009) 032

 $\sigma_{b \text{ tot}} ep \rightarrow bbX (318 \text{ GeV}) = 13.9 \pm 1.5 (stat.) ^{+4.0}_{-4.3} (syst.) \text{ nb}$

• HERA II preliminary: ZEUS-prel-18-006 $\sigma_{b \text{ tot}} \text{ ep} \rightarrow bbX (318 \text{ GeV}) = 11.4 \pm 0.8 (\text{stat.})^{+3.9}_{-2.9} (\text{syst.}) \text{ nb}$

NLO QCD predictions (same as HERA I paper):
scale $\mu^2 = \frac{1}{4}(m^2 + p_T^2 + Q^2)$ FMNR+HVQDIS7.5 $^{+4.5}_{-2.1}$ nb

for theory-inspired motivation of QCD scale choice see

-> agreement within (large) uncertainties only measurement of its kind so far

doi:10.3360/dis.2007.163

any chance to get NNLO prediction?

(exists for pp and (almost) for DIS)

Beauty in photoproduction: summary



Lesson: beauty

- Total as well as differential beauty cross sections fully experimentally accessible
- Limited by statistics (b cross section 1 order of magnitude smaller than charm)
- Limited by non-availability of NNLO QCD corrections

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Collect maximum statistics, improve theory.

Measurement of the cross-section ratio $\sigma_{\psi(25)}/\sigma_{J/\psi(15)}$

arXiv:1605.01946, Nucl. Phys. B909 (2016) 934

+ ZEUS-prel-18-003





ZEUS preliminary

results start to discriminate between different theory predictions

Lesson: J/psi production

 J/psi production is a great tool to study many aspects of QCD

see also talk Y. Makris tomorrow

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For full fiducial coverage, need muon reconstruction down to ~1-1.5 GeV (HERA: p_T > 1.5 GeV for nonisolated muons, p > 1 GeV for isolated muons)

Parton density functions (PDF)





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Heavy flavour contributions to σ_r



includes fit of inclusive charm + jet DIS data



Constraint of gluon at very low x

arXiv 1503.04581, Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 396

Combined fit of

- HERA I inclusive data: main PDF constraint
- HERA charm and beauty data: constrain m_c, m_b and gluon at low x: 10⁻² -10⁻⁴
- LHCb charm and beauty data, constrain gluon at very low x: 10⁻³- 10⁻⁶



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Input data sets

HERA I combined inclusive + HERA combined charm + ZEUS beauty + LHCb charm + LHCb beauty



combination of data sets "bridges" complete x range

final comparison of gluon fits

arXiv 1503.04581, Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 396



gluon positive and well constrained down to x ~ 10⁻⁶

first constraint from data for x << 10⁻⁴

already in use to constrain cosmic ray prompt neutrino spectrum (e.g. Ice Cube)

update, and cosmic ray predictions

arXiv 1611.03815, JHEP 05 (2017) 004

arXiv 1911,13164, JHEP 04 (2020) 118



use final HERA data, include more LHCb data, and ALICE data -> constrain cosmic ray prompt neutrino spectrum (e.g. Ice Cube)



Lesson: low x physics

- The EIC kinematic coverage strongly overlaps with HERA, fixed target, and forward coverage at the LHC (LHCb, also e.g. CMS after high luminosity upgrade)
- HERA data were/are essential to disentangle and calibrate the two x `branches' at LHCb
- The result can be used to study e.g. the cosmic ray neutrino spectrum at Ice Cube

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EIC data will have a similar essential role w.r.t. phase 2 LHC data; further enhanced by the availability of 'nuclear' data vs. heavy ion collisions

Final HERA Charm combination





further discussion (gluon shape (?), low x resummation (?), ...) see backup

QCD fit: charm subset

Eur. Phys. J.C 78 (2018) 473, arXiv: 1804.01019

fully consistent with HERAPDF2.0 FF3A

uncertainty breakdown in backup

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m_c(m_c)

PDG:

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QCD fit: beauty subset



Lesson: QCD studies, coverage

- Deep inelastic scattering is a both experimentally and theoretically very clean environment for heavy flavour production and the measurement of related QCD parameters.

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Make sure you have full trigger coverage for inclusive charm and beauty production in DIS, best through an inclusive DIS trigger, possibly complemented by dedicated heavy flavour triggers.

Running strong coupling "constant" $\alpha_{\rm s}$

e.g. from jet production at e+e-, ep, and pp at DESY, Fermilab and CERN



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running of α_s and quark masses

 $\alpha_{\rm s}$ running depends on number of coulours $N_{\rm C}$ and number of quark flavours $N_{\rm F}$

$$\alpha_{s}(Q^{2}) = \frac{\alpha_{s}(Q_{0}^{2})}{1 + \alpha_{s}(11N_{c}^{2}-2N_{F})/12\pi \ln(Q^{2}/Q_{0}^{2})}$$

quark mass running depends on α_s , e.g.
m(pole) = m(m) (1 + 4/3 α_s/π)
= m(Q) (1 + α_s/π (4/3+ln(Q²/m_c²))

leading order QCD formulae

part of gluon field around quark not 'visible' any more when 'looking' at smaller distances/larger energy scales -> effective mass decreases

the running charm quark mass

Phys.Lett.B 775 (2017) 233-238, arxiv:1705.08863

Do mass determination separately for different Q²+4m²



the running beauty quark mass



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Top quark mass running

Phys.Lett.B 803 (2020) 135263, arXiv:1909.09193

extract top mass from CMS cross sections at different scales



Running of α_s and quark Yukawa couplings

update of PoS CHARM2016 (2017) 012



Lesson: HERA/EIC and Higgs

measuring heavy quark masses

 (within the standard model)
 is equivalent to measuring Higgs Yukawa couplings

Heavy quark physics is also QCD + Higgs physics, even at EIC

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Conclusion and Outlook

- EIC has a great future in taking over the relay from HERA concerning ep collisions plus go well beyond
- Meanwhile, the HERA data remain available, and only about half the analyses known that could be done with the HERA II data have actually been done (lack of person power). Synergy with EIC person power might alleviate this.
- Theory improvements would/will greatly boost the significance of these HERA results.
- Hopefully the outlook towards EIC will motivate theorists to already provide the corresponding improvements now, rather than waiting for EIC to start.



Deep Inelastic ep Scattering at HERA



Charm Fragmentation



fixed flavour number scheme (FFNS)



+ NLO (+partial NNLO) corrections,

no charm in proton

 full kinematical treatment of charm mass (multi-scale problem: Q², p_T, m_c -> logs of ratios)

"natural" scale: Q² + 4m_c²

no resummation of logs

Beauty combination





Charm

at LHCb

Nucl.Phys. B871 (2013) 1-20

down to $p_T = 0$ GeV

large theory uncertainty at NLO (~factor 2) but also strong m_c dependence

directly sensitive to gluon down to $x \sim 10^{-5}$!

FONLL fits well (factor 2 scale uncertainty not shown)



Figure 4: Differential cross-sections for (a) D^0 , (b) D^+ , (c) D^{*+} , and (d) D_s^+ meson production compared to theoretical predictions. The cross-sections for different y regions are shown as functions of $p_{\rm T}$. The y ranges are shown as separate curves and associated sets of points scaled by factors 10^{-m} , where the exponent m is shown on the plot with the y range. The error bars associated with the data points show the sum in quadrature of the statistical and total systematic uncertainty. The shaded regions show the range of theoretical uncertainties for the GMVFNS prediction.

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Comparison to 'old' global PDFs

HERAPDF style parameterization with sizeable `negative gluon ' term (but net positive gluon)

xg(x,μ), comparison plot



$m_c(m_c)$ from FONLL fit of HERA data

V. Bertone et al., arXiv 1605.01946, JHEP 1608 (2016) 050



scheme	$m_c(m_c)$ [GeV]
FONLL (this work)	$1.335 \pm 0.043(\exp)^{+0.019}_{-0.000}(\operatorname{param})^{+0.011}_{-0.008}(\operatorname{mod})^{+0.033}_{-0.008}(\operatorname{th})$
FFN (this work)	$1.318 \pm 0.054 (\exp)^{+0.011}_{-0.010} (\operatorname{param})^{+0.015}_{-0.019} (\operatorname{mod})^{+0.045}_{-0.004} (\operatorname{th})$
FFN (HERA) [9]	$1.26 \pm 0.05(\text{exp}) \pm 0.03(\text{mod}) \pm 0.02(\text{param}) \pm 0.02(\alpha_s)$
FFN (Alekhin et al.) [24]	$1.24 \pm 0.03(\exp)^{+0.03}_{-0.02}(\operatorname{scale})^{+0.00}_{-0.07}(\operatorname{th})$ (approx. NNLO)
	$1.15 \pm 0.04 (\exp)^{+0.04}_{-0.00} (\text{scale}) \text{ (NLO)}$
S-ACOT- χ (CT10) [29]	$1.12_{-0.11}^{+0.05}$ (strategy 1)
	$1.18^{+0.05}_{-0.11}$ (strategy 2)
	$1.19_{-0.15}^{+0.06}$ (strategy 3)
	$1.24_{-0.15}^{+0.06}$ (strategy 4)
World average [53]	1.275 ± 0.025



NLO scale dependence



measurement of m_c running

Phys.Lett.B 775 (2017) 233-238, arxiv:1705.08863



the running b quark mass at LEP



Fig. 6. The energy evolution of the \overline{MS} -running b-quark mass $m_b(Q)$ as measured at LEP. DELPHI results from $R_3^{b\ell}$ [7] at the M_Z scale and from semileptonic B-decays [31] at low energy are shown together with results from other experiments (ALEPH [4], OPAL [5] and SLD [6]). The masses extracted from LO and approximate NLO calculations of $R_4^{b\ell}$ are found to be consistent with previous experimental results and with the reference value $m_b(Q)$ (grey band) obtained from evolving the average $m_b(m_b) = 4.20 \pm 0.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ from [17] using QCD RGE (with a strong coupling constant value $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1202 \pm 0.0050$ [30])

LEP: Z -> bb + gluons, measurement of phase space/ angular distributions

 $m_{(Q)} = m_{(Q_0)} (1 - \alpha_s / \pi \ln(Q^2 / Q_0^2))$

charm and top mass running not explicitly measured (so far)

Higgs couplings

This costs too much energy! I think I'll hang out down the relate m_t, m_b, m_c to associated Higgs Yukawa couplings

LO EW (+NLO QCD) formula: $y_Q = \sqrt{2m_Q}/v$

source: vixra blog

Direct measurements of Higgs Yukawa couplings



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to be updated from JHEP08 (2016) 045



Measurement of the cross-section ratio $\sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\psi(1S)}$

$$\sigma_{\psi(2S)} / \sigma_{J/\psi(1S)}$$
 in DIS

courtesy N. Kovalchuk



Measurement of the cross-section ratio $\sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\psi(1S)}$

arXiv:1605.01946, Nucl. Phys. B909 (2016) 934

simultaneous measurement of $J/\psi, \psi' \rightarrow \mu\mu$

QCD fit with x_{Bi} > 0.01 for inclusive data

low x charm slope (no longer constrained by inclusive)

but **fails** to describe low x inclusive data

-> not a solution (but hint)

QCD fit with x_{B_i} > 0.01 for inclusive data

charm and beauty mass floating

gluon at x < 0.01 inconsistent with inclusive fit

FONLL-C fit of inclusive data

arXiv:1802.00064 (XFitter team): FONLL-C inclusive fit (no charm) with and without NLLx resummation

personal remark:

FONLL-C inclusive fit with NLLx qualitatively consistent with FF charm + x > 0.01 inclusive fit (compare previous slide)

-> combine both worlds by applying NLLx to light flavours only in FF scheme?

Figure 3 The up valence PDF xu_v , the gluon PDF xg and the total singlet PDF $x\Sigma$ for the final fits with (NNLO+NLLx) and without (NNLO) $\ln(1/x)$ resummation.

QCD fit

Eur. Phys. J.C 78 (2018) 473, arXiv: 1804.01019

simultaneous NLO QCD fit of

combined inclusive DIS data (arXiv:1506.06042), Q²_{min}=3.5 GeV²
 new combined charm and beauty DIS data

simultaneously fit PDF's (a la HERAPDF FF) in FFNS at NLO and charm quark and beauty quark "running" masses in MSbar scheme

- using xFitter [www.xfitter.org], 14 parameters (±1)
- NLO DGLAP [QCDNUM] and matrix elements [OPENQCDRAD], nf = 3
- = $\mu_F = \mu_R = \sqrt{Q^2 + 4m_Q^2}$, varied by factor 2 (for heavy flavour part only)
- free $m_c(m_c)$, $m_b(m_b)$
- $\alpha_s(M_Z)^{nf=3} = 0.106$, equivalent to $\alpha_s(M_Z)^{nf=5} = 0.118 \pm 0.002$
- = fit uncertainty using $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$

-> HERAPDF-HQMASS

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