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FMNR⊗PYTHIA interface for Heavy Quark production at HERA





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Motivation



Dominant production process in ep collisions: boson-gluon fusion

Multiple scales involved:

- Masses : $m_{b} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{c} \sim 1.4 \text{ GeV}$
- Photoproduction (γp) : Q² < 1 GeV²
- Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) : Q² > 1 GeV²

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• Momentum : p_{T}^{Q} few GeV

Heavy quarks produced at HERA powerful tool for testing p structure, to probe and understand pQCD in detail.

Motivation

Theoretical Predictions		Evolution	Kin. region
LO + PS	PYTHIA, HERWIG RAPGAP CASCADE	DGLAP DGLAP CCFM	γp DIS γp & DIS
NLO	FMNR		γp



HVQDIS

Visible level NLO predictions not available for channels with correlated cuts on the final state particles

DIS

MC@NLO not yet available for HERA

Solution: FMNR⊗PYTHIA interface

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- Calculations @ NLO in QCD for heavy quark production in ep and γ p collisions
- Point-like and hadronic photon coupling
- Photoproduction regime $(Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2)$
- Fixed order massive scheme $\mu^2 = p_t^2 + m_Q^2$

FMNR



REDSTAT (Reduced Statistics option)



REDSTAT is an extension to FMNR

- Reduce the range of weights of the events
- Reduce the statistics without losing NLO accuracy



The idea:

combine events with high opposite weight

How to combine:

High weight events

Search for events with similar kinematics Difference in p_{T} , y_{rap} , ϕ < user cuts

 Low weight events Sampling approach (random decision)

Some REDSTAT results

Cross section prediction at b-quark level: $\gamma p \rightarrow b(\overline{b}) X$

Good description of the b-quark p_{τ}



The FMNR⊗PYTHIA interface



FMNR(REDSTAT) parameters



The FMNR⊗PYTHIA interface



(Les Houches) PYTHIA parameters

- Feed FMNR partons into PYTHIA(JetSet) using the Les Houches accord interface
- Assign a color flow to each FMNR parton level process
- Small intrinsic k_T kick allowed (~ 200 MeV)
- Parton showers not allowed
 - avoid double counting of higher order contributions main difference wrt MC@NLO in preparation
- Fragmentation based on the Peterson formula
 - a) Independent (FMNR does not provide color flow)
 - b) Lund string model (assign reasonable color flow)
 - c) Comparison with default FMNR fragmentation

Peterson ε = 0.0035

Variation

lower error central value higher error

0.0023 - 0.0045 error negligible wrt a) c)

Standard PYTHIA decay tables

all branching ratios included and corrected to match PDG



Consistent with similar analysis by H1 (see backup slides)

Applications Visible Beauty Cross sections from $ep \rightarrow b\overline{b}X \rightarrow \mu \mu X'$



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Conclusions

- The new FMNR@PYTHIA interface allows calculation of complicated visible NLO cross sections not available previously.
- data/NLO cross section comparisons for $b\overline{b} \rightarrow D^* \mu$ and $b\overline{b} \rightarrow \mu \mu$ at visible and b quark level are consistent.
- Other applications:
 - 🖲 Charm
 - Parton to hadron level corrections for heavy flavour jets
 - \varTheta ...
- We can use this method now, and compare with MC@NLO whenever available.
- More information: e-Print:arXiv:0707.1632[hep-ph]

Backup slides

