







Charm Hadron Reconstruction with ML in the ePIC Experiment

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Heavy-flavor Production in the ePIC Experiment

Heavy quarks (charm and beauty) are produced through hard parton scatterings in the initial stage of the collisions



Boson-Gluon Fusion (BGF) is dominant mechanism [LO] at high energy ep collisions

Machine Learning (ML) techniques useful to extract signal:

ep (10X100) collisions with Q²>1 GeV²

Binary classifier: Machine learning model to separate signal D⁰ meson from background

Multi class classifier: Machine learning model to separate prompt, non-prompt D⁰ meson, and background

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Comparison between ep and eA collisions

- Study hadronization mechanisms
- D mesons and Λ_{c^+} baryon R_{eA} measurements to investigate energy loss and transport of charm in the medium



- Heavy-flavour hadrochemistry and collectivity:
 - ➔ Hadronization modification in presence of cold-nuclear matter

Hadronization: heavy-flavour baryon over meson ratios



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Topological Variables for Reconstruction of D⁰ meson

arXiv:1911.12168 [nucl-ex]

Invariant mass:
$$m_{D^0} = \sqrt{(E_{K^-} + E_{\pi^+})^2 - (\overline{p}_{K^-} + \overline{p}_{\pi^+})^2}$$



Topological Variables:

- → DCA_k and DCA_n with respect to the reconstructed primary vertex (d0_k, d0_pi)
- Decay length of D⁰ meson (decaylength)
- Cos θ (angle between **dl** and **p**_{D0})
- DCA₁₂ distance between the daughter tracks of D⁰
- DCA_{D0} impact parameter of reconstructed D⁰ meson
- * m_{D0} invariant mass of kaon and pion pairs
- pt_D0 reconstructed pt of the D⁰ meson
- y_D0 reconstructed y of the D⁰ meson
- Multiplicity (mult)



Decay length (dl), Primary Vertex (PV), Secondary Vertex (SV)

$$\vec{dl} = \vec{SV} - \vec{PV}$$
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{dl} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{dl}||\vec{p}|}$$
$$DCA_{D0} = dl \sin \theta$$

Realistic PID (PID lookup tables) for D° meson
and Truth PID (MonteCarlo) for Λ_c^+ Baryon DC_A

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Data Sample ($Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$)

- Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) requires the features for the signal D⁰ meson and background D⁰ meson (fake combinations of pion,kaon)
 - D^o sample created filtering **PYTHIA8 ep, NC, 10X100, Q² >1 GeV² events (~1747M)** such that each event consists one $D^o \rightarrow k-\pi + known$ as Signal taken from 24.12.0/epic_craterlake/SIDIS/D0_ABCONV/pythia8.306-1.1/10x100/q2_1):

Total files 1879 and Events = 984746

DIS sample from 24.12.0/epic_craterlake/DIS/NC/10x100/minQ2=1: Total files 5180 and Events = 4976419



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Secondary Vertex Reconstruction



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Comparison Distribution for D⁰ meson (Q²>1GeV²)

All methods are compatible

Signal D^o meson

Distance minimization gives unique secondary vertex



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Sample After Preselection ($Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$)



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Signal and Background distributions

preselection ="(mD0 > 1.6 && mD0 < 2.5) && (d0xypi>0.02 && d0xypi<10.) && (d0xyk>0.02 && d0xyk<10.) && decay length <100.";



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Correlation Matrix

1.0 < y < 3.0 $1.0 < p_T < 2.0 \text{ GeV/c}$

Planning to remove costheta_xy and decay_length once other cuts are available (e.g. chi2, nsigma, etc.)





Model Performances

1.0 < y < 3.0 *True Positive*(*TP*) TPR = $1.0 < p_T < 2.0 \text{ GeV/c}$ *True Positive* (*TP*)+*False Negative*(*FN*) *False Positive*(*FP*) FPR =False Positive (FP) + True Negative (TN)101 1.0 Counts (arb. units) 0.8 10 True Positive Rate 10-1 AUC: Area Under Curve 0.2 Background pdf Training Set Signal pdf Training Set Test -> ROC (AUC = 0.8884) 10^{-2} Background pdf Test Set Train -> ROC (AUC = 0.9043) Signal pdf Test Set 0.0 - Luck 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 0.0 1.0 0.2 0.8 1.0 0.0 0.4 0.6 BDT output False Positive Rate

How Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) classifier separates signal from background

Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)

A perfect classifier would have a point at (0, 1), indicating no false positives and all true positives

Signal and Background (D^o Sample and DIS Events)



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Signal and Background (D0 Sample and DIS Events)



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Λ_{c}^{+} Baryon Reconstruction

Analytical Approach for secondary vertex



Λ_{c}^{+} Baryon Reconstruction

PYTHIA8 ep NC (10x100 Q²>1) Λ_c⁺ sample[:] by Rongrong



Issue coming from proton PID, it looks not properly assigned in reconstruction (loosing protons)

Results



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Summary and Future Plan

- Machine learning model studies performed for the D^o reconstruction
- > Implemented the first version of Λ_{c^+} reconstruction code (will commit soon)
- Future Steps:
 - Implement secondary vertexing (AdaptiveMultiVertexFinder) from ACTS to improve the performances
 - Include chi2 of secondary vertex as one of the features once available
 - Extract the final results in different y and p_{T} bins after secondary vertexing
 - Fix the reconstruction for the realistic PID of proton
 - Implement similar ML model for Λ_{c^+} reconstruction (quicker)
 - Run on full statistics once campaign files are available
 - Estimate Λ_{c}^{+}/D^{0} ratio using machine learning
 - Implement other models e.g. Neural Network (Classifier as well as AutoEncoder)

THANK YOU !!!

Track Parametrization (Local to Global)



Vector3 LineSurface::localToGlobal(const GeometryContext& gctx, const Vector2& lposition, const Vector3& direction) const

{

Vector3 unitZ0 = lineDirection(gctx);

 ${\it I\!I}$ get the vector perpendicular to the momentum direction and the straw axis

Vector3 radiusAxisGlobal = unitZ0.cross(direction);

Vector3 locZinGlobal = transform(gctx) * Vector3(0., 0., lposition[1]);

// add loc0 * radiusAxis

return Vector3(locZinGlobal + lposition[0] * radiusAxisGlobal.normalized());

Calculation

UnitZ0: is (0,0,1) vector along the z-axis for cylinder and disks.

direction: (p Cos(phi) Sin(theta), p Sin(phi) Sin(theta), p Cos(theta)) radiusAxisGlobal = UnitZ0 Cross product direction = (-p Sin(phi) Sin(theta), p Cos(phi) Sin(theta), 0)

radiusAxisGlobal.Normalized = (-Sin(phi), Cos(phi), 0)locZinGlobal = (0,0,l1) (is same as global)

Global position = locZinGlobal + lposition[0] * radiusAxisGlobal.normalized() = (0,0,11) + l0(-Sin(phi), Cos(phi), 0)Global Position = (-l0 Sin(phi), l0 Cos(phi), 11)

Returns the components, which we are using in HF analysis.

 $x = -I_0 \operatorname{Sin} \phi$, $y = I_0 \operatorname{Cos} \phi$, $z = I_1$

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Number of Signal and Background

y(D0)	р _т (D0)	Signal	Background
-1.0 to 1.0	1.0-2.0	8211	8211
-1.0 to 1.0	2.0-10.0	993	993
1.0 to 3.0	1.0-2.0	17509	17509
1.0 to 3.0	2.0-10.0	2436	2436
-3.0 to -1.0	1.0-5.0	3228	3228

Keep the number of signal and background same for ML

The peak observed in the background of the D^o sample was caused by mis-associations, but we resolved it a few days ago. We also plan to use the background D^o sample for machine-learning studies in the future

New strategy

Signal for ML: Signal (D⁰ sample) +Signal (DIS)

Background for ML: Background (D⁰ sample) + Background (DIS)

I will produce the results soon with this strategy

Comparison Distribution for D⁰ meson (Q²>1GeV²)

All methods are compatible

Bkg D⁰ meson



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Merging Signal and Background



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Secondary Vertex Reconstruction (Λ_c^+)



Minimize $d = \sqrt{(\vec{r_{s1}} - \vec{v})^2 + (\vec{r_{s2}} - \vec{v})^2 + (\vec{r_{s3}} - \vec{v})^2}$

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Comparison (Results)



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Comparison (Results)



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Comparison (Results)



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Event display (First two tracks)





- All three methods (track 1 reference, track2 reference, and distance minimization) are compatible
- Minor difference is due to analytical approach
- Distance minimization returns the unique point

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More hints on Hadronization: Fragmentation Fractions

Violation of universality of fragmentation fractions (FF) already in pp collisions

→ Cannot rely on e⁺e⁻FF to get charm cross section

$$\frac{d \sigma^{NN \to H_Q X}}{dp_T^{H_Q}} (\sqrt{s_{NN}}, M_Q, \mu_F^2, \mu_R^2) = \sum_{i, j=q, \bar{q}, g} f_i(x_1, \mu_F^2) \otimes f_j(x_2, \mu_F^2) \otimes d \hat{\sigma}^{ij \to Q\bar{Q}} (\alpha_s(\mu_R^2), \mu_F^2, M_Q, x_1, x_2, s_{NN}) \otimes D_Q^{H_Q}(z, \mu_F^2)$$

Parton distribution functions Hard Scattering Cross-section Fragmentation function



Measure fragmentation fractions at ePIC with different nuclei systems for more understanding!!

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