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The production of J/ψ mesons accompanied by open charm hadrons, and of pairs of open charm hadrons in pp collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of 7 TeV has been reported in ref. [1]. For all measured production cross-sections the inclusion of charge conjugate processes was implied, so that e.g., $\sigma_{J/\psi D^0}$ is the sum of production cross-sections for $J/\psi D^0$ and $J/\psi \overline{D}^0$. The inclusion of charge conjugate states was applied also for the reference input prompt charm production cross-sections from ref. [2]. The results have been compared with single (SPS) and double (DPS) parton scattering predictions [3–9].

M. H. Seymour and A. Siódmok [10] have pointed out that for DPS predictions the basic factorization equation, see eq. (1.1) from ref. [1], requires modifications to account for the cross-section including charge conjugation. For this case the equation reads as

$$\sigma_{C_1C_2}^{DPS} = \alpha \frac{\sigma_{C_1} \times \sigma_{C_2}}{\sigma_{eff}^{DPS}},$$
(1)

where $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}$ if C_1 and C_2 are identical and non-self-conjugate (e.g. D^0D^0), $\alpha = 1$ if C_1 and C_2 are different and either C_1 or C_2 is self-conjugate (e.g. $J/\psi D^0$), and $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ otherwise. Table 1 summarises the DPS predictions with this scheme. With such corrections, the production cross-sections, predicted by the DPS approach are unchanged for the $J/\psi C$ case, but decrease by a factor of two for the CC case.

Figure 1 shows the ratios $\mathcal{R}_{C_1C_2}$ defined as

$$\mathcal{R}_{C_1C_2} \equiv \alpha' \frac{\sigma_{C_1} \times \sigma_{C_2}}{\sigma_{C_1C_2}},\tag{2}$$

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Mode	$\sigma^{ m DPS}$
	$[\mathrm{nb}]$
$J\!/\psiD^0$	146 ± 39
$J\!/\!\psiD^+$	60 ± 17
$J\!/\!\psiD_s^+$	24 ± 7
$J\!/\!\psi\Lambda_c^+$	56 ± 22
	[µb]
$\mathrm{D}^{0}\mathrm{D}^{0}$	$1.0 \pm 0.25 $
D^0D^+	0.85 ± 0.2
$\mathrm{D}^{0}\mathrm{D_{s}^{+}}$	0.33 ± 0.07
${ m D}^0 \Lambda_{ m c}^+$	0.75 ± 0.25
D^+D^+	0.17 ± 0.05
$\rm D^+D_s^+$	0.14 ± 0.03
${ m D}^+ \Lambda_{ m c}^+$	0.32 ± 0.12

Table 1. Estimates for the production cross-sections of the $J/\psi C$ and CC modes in the LHCb fiducial range given by the double parton scattering approach.

where α' is defined similarly to α in eq. (1) for the J/ ψ C and CC cases. When considering C \overline{C} production, $\alpha' = \frac{1}{4}$ is used for the D⁰ \overline{D}^0 and D⁺D⁻ cases and $\alpha' = \frac{1}{2}$ for the other C \overline{C} modes.

For the J/ ψ C and CC cases these ratios have a clear interpretation in the DPS approach [6–8] as the effective cross-section of eq. (1) which should be the same for all modes. For the CC case, neglecting the contribution from cccc production, the ratio $\mathcal{R}_{C_1C_2}$ is related by a model-dependent kinematical factor to the total charm production cross-section and should be independent of the final state under consideration. The values for the effective DPS cross-section calculated from the J/ ψ C cross-section are in good agreement with the value measured in multi-jet production at the Tevatron $\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\text{DPS}} = 14.5 \pm 1.7 \, ^{+1.7}_{-2.3}$ mb [11]. The agreement in the CC case is also reasonable.

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Figure 1. Measured ratios $\mathcal{R}_{C_1C_2}$ (points with error bars) in comparison with the expectations from DPS using the cross-section measured at Tevatron for multi-jet events (light green shaded area). The inner error bars indicate the statistical uncertainty whilst the outer error bars indicate the statistical and systematic uncertainties in quadrature. For the $J/\psi C$ case the outermost error bars correspond to the total uncertainties including the uncertainties due to the unknown polarization of the prompt J/ψ mesons.

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