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Nuclear modification factors of prompt and non-prompt J/ψ in Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV at midrapidity with ALICE

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Heavy quarks are considered excellent probes to study the properties of the state of matter where quarks and gluons are deconfined, known as quark-gluon plasma (QGP). The QGP is expected to be formed in ultrarelativistic nuclear collisions. Non-prompt J/ψ measurements are important to investigate the parton energy loss in the hot medium and its quark mass dependence, as they provide additional constraints to extract heavy-quark diffusion coefficients from experimental data. In addition, the prompt J/ψ production provides a direct comparison with models that include (re-)generation, which is found to be the dominant production mechanism at low transverse momentum (p_T) and in central collisions at the LHC. ALICE has unique tracking and particle identification capabilities down to very low momentum at midrapidity ($|y| < 0.9$), enabling the separation of prompt and non-prompt J/ψ down to $p_T \sim 1.5$ GeV/ c in Pb–Pb collisions. In this contribution, recent ALICE results on nuclear modification factors (R_{AA}) of prompt and non-prompt J/ψ , reconstructed at midrapidity in the dielectron decay channel, as a function of p_T and centrality will be presented and compared with theoretical predictions. Presented results are obtained by analyzing data from Pb–Pb collisions collected at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV during the LHC Run 2. Moreover, results will be compared with similar LHC measurements, available at higher p_T .

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