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Measurements of prompt and nonprompt D^0 mesons production and collective flow with CMS at 5.02 TeV

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The interaction of heavy quarks with the quark-gluon plasma (QGP) affects their azimuthal distribution and transverse momentum ($p_{\rm T}$) spectrum, hence azimuthal anisotropy coefficients (v_n) and nuclear modification factors ($R_{\rm AA}$) of heavy flavor hadrons are important probes of the QGP. However, a simultaneous modeling of v_n and $R_{\rm AA}$ is still challenging. This talk reports the first nonprompt D⁰ measurements of the azimuthal anisotropy elliptic (v_2) and triangular (v_3) coefficients in large systems, using lead-lead (PbPb) collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, collected with the CMS apparatus. The measurements are performed as a function of transverse momentum, spanning 1–30 GeV/c, in three centrality classes, from central to midcentral collisions. Compared to the prompt D⁰ results, the nonprompt D⁰ v_2 flow coefficients are systematically lower and show less dependence on particle $p_{\rm T}$ and centrality. An indication of nonzero v_3 coefficient of the nonprompt D⁰ is observed. The wide $p_{\rm T}$ range enables the study of various flow generation mechanisms, like diffusion at low $p_{\rm T}$ and path-dependent parton energy loss at low and high $p_{\rm T}$, respectively. In addition, measurements of both prompt D⁰ mesons cross sections in PbPb and proton-proton collisions, as well as $R_{\rm AA}$, will be shown. The results will be compared to theoretical predictions.

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