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Measurement of D^+ -mesons production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV with ALICE

The production of hadrons containing charm or beauty quarks in proton-proton (pp) collisions mainly happens via initial hard-scattering processes and provides an important test for quantum chromodynamics calculations. In fact, due to their large masses, heavy quarks can only be produced in processes with high-momentum transfer and hence can be ascribed by perturbative QCD calculations. These measurements also serve as a reference for more complex systems such as Pb–Pb collisions, helping to infer information about the properties of the interaction of heavy quarks with the constituents of the colour-deconfined medium produced in heavy-ion collisions, the quarkgluon plasma, such as the colour-charge and mass dependence of the in-medium energy loss.

In this contribution, the first studies of D^+ -meson production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV collected in the LHC Run 3 with the upgraded ALICE detector will be reported. D mesons are reconstructed via their hadronic decays at central rapidity with ALICE detector thanks to its excellent particle identification, track and decay-vertex reconstruction capabilities.

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