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Performance study of non-prompt J/ψ production in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}}=5.36$ TeV from ALICE

Lattice QCD calculations predict that a strongly-coupled QCD matter, the quark-gluon plasma (QGP), can be formed in relativistic heavy-ion collisions at extremely high temperatures and energy densities. Due to their large masses, heavy quarks (c,b) are predominantly produced in the initial hard scattering process before the hot QCD medium forms. Their final-state dynamics, therefore, encode information about the evolution of the system, making them effective probes to the properties of the hot QCD medium. Charmonia, bound states of a charm and an anti-charm quark, are of particular interest. In high-energy hadronic collisions, inclusive J/ψ production consists of both prompt and non-prompt components. The prompt component includes J/ψ produced directly or from the decays of higher-mass charmonium states (e.g., ψ (2S) or χ_c), while the non-prompt component originates from the weak decays of bottom hadrons. Therefore, the study of the production and properties of non-prompt J/ψ would provide valuable insights into those of the beauty hadrons.

The Time Projection Chamber and Inner Tracking System of the ALICE detector were recently upgraded, allowing a ~ 50 times increase in read-out rate in Run3 of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). In this poster, we will study the separation capability of the prompt and non-prompt J/ψ components in the ALICE detector. The performance of the non-prompt J/ψ measurements in Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}$ in ALICE during LHC Run3 will be presented.

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