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Measurement of an excess in the yield of J/ψ at very low p_T in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV with ALICE

In 2015, the ALICE collaboration reported the first excess in the yield of J/ψ at very low transverse momentum $(p_T < 0.3~GeV/c)$ in the forward rapidity region (2.5 < y < 4) in peripheral Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV at the CERN LHC. [1] The coherent photo-production is proposed as the potential underlying physics mechanism. This mechanism is the main responsible for low- p_T J/ψ production in ultraperipheral collisions. However, the observation of a large effect also in more central collisions that are dominated by the hadronic interactions was quite surprising. If the photo-production is confirmed as the origin of the excess, this will open up fundamental questions on the nature of the coherence in collisions where the nuclei break up. Furthermore, the J/ψ from the coherent photo-production might become an additional probe of the Quark and Gluon Plasma. This poster presents the analysis strategy for Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV for which the data sample is expected to be about thirty times larger than at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV.

References

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