

Inclusive UPC charm photoproduction in ALICE

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Inelastic photoproduction of charm has been used previously to constrain the proton gluon distribution at low- x , using e-p collisions. Ultra-peripheral heavy-ion collisions provide an opportunity to use the same mechanism to study the less known nuclear gluon distribution. In these collisions, a photon emitted from one nucleus interacts with a gluon in the target nucleus, producing a pair of charm anti-charm quarks. These fragment to open- or hidden-charm hadrons, which are reconstructed. The cross sections and transverse momentum distributions for D mesons and J/psi will be presented, and the results compared to model calculations.

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