

**Light flavour hadron production as a  
function of event structure ( $R_T, S_0^{p_T=1}$ ) in pp  
collisions**

***New ALICE preliminary results from QM19!***



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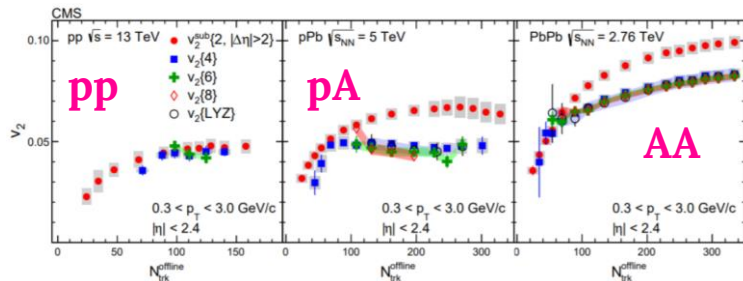


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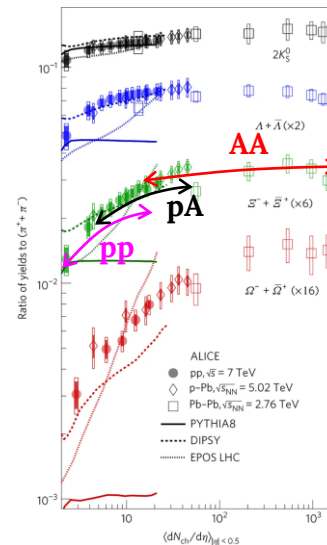
# QGP features in pp collisions

- Traditional QGP signatures also observed in pp and p-A collisions at high energies

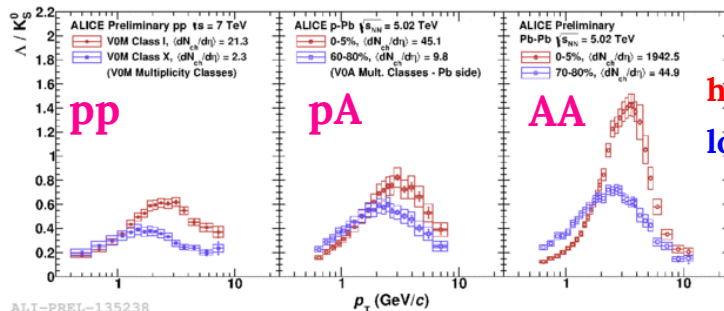
- Elliptic flow**



- Strangeness enhancement**



- Radial flow**



high mult.  
low mult.

Same trends when increasing the **multiplicity**, regardless of the system!



# Multiplicity in pp and in AA

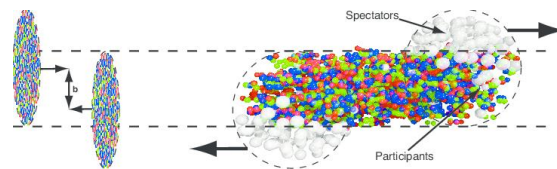
- Is multiplicity the driving factor for the onset and the magnitude of these QGP-like features?

- In A+A:

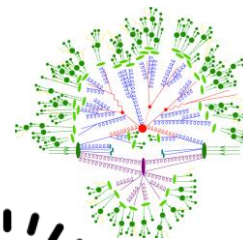
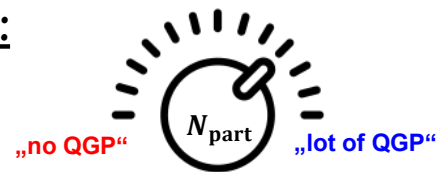
- multiplicity  $N_{\text{ch}}$  directly related to  $N_{\text{part}}$

- In p+p:

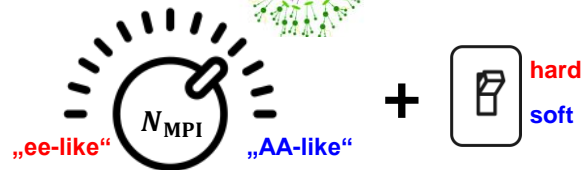
- $N_{\text{part}}$  is fixed to =2, sources of  $N_{\text{ch}}$  are more complicated!
- $N_{\text{ch}}$  comes from ~**soft** MPI (Multiple Partonic Interactions)
- $N_{\text{ch}}$  also scales with **hardness** of the primary scattering!
  - Jet fragmentation
  - Hardness – impact parameter bias
- To study the underlying nature of said QGP-like features, the interesting dial is thus
  1. **Number of MPI** (analogous to  $N_{\text{part}}$ )
  2. **Hard vs. soft effect** (different mechanisms)
- Promising test of strings- vs. hydro-based models!



A+A:



p+p:

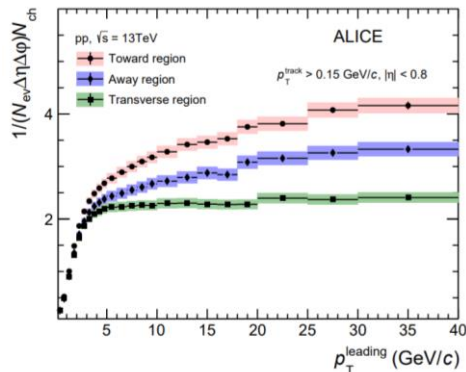
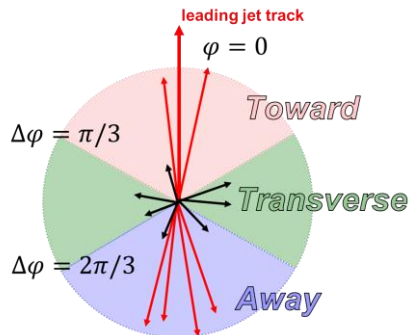
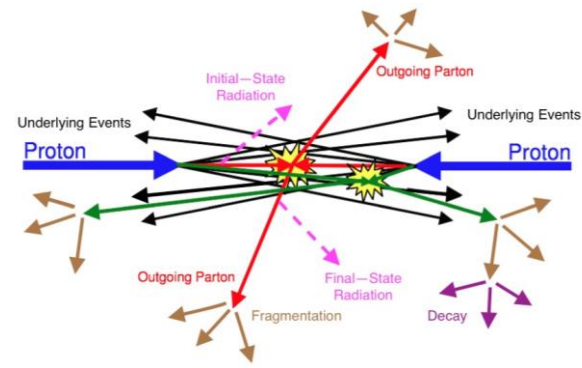


The image shows a vast industrial interior, likely a particle accelerator or a large-scale manufacturing plant. On the left, a large, angular structure is painted a bright red. To its right, a massive, circular metal lattice structure, resembling a dome or a large-scale truss, dominates the upper right portion of the frame. A person in a white shirt and blue pants stands on a platform in the lower center, providing a sense of scale. In the background, a yellow crane with the text 'ITALMEC JIB 18' is visible. The overall scene is filled with complex machinery, pipes, and structural elements, all under a bright, industrial light.

***R<sub>T</sub>***

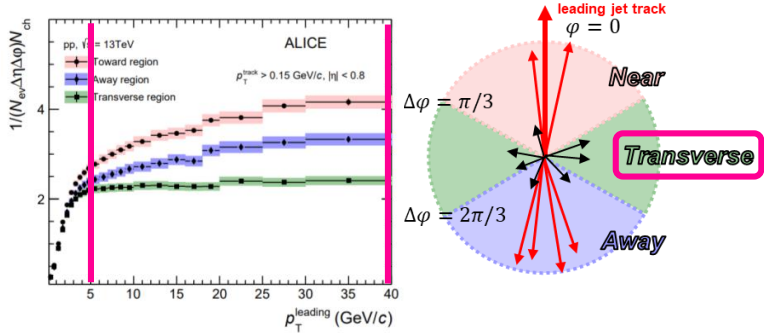
# Multiple Partonic Interactions (MPI)

- $N_{\text{MPI}}$  – unlike  $N_{\text{part}}$  – is difficult to access experimentally, but doable
- With **Underlying Event (UE)** !
  - collection of particles NOT originating from the primary hard parton-parton scattering or the related fragmentation
  - constant particle production rate due to UE can be seen as a „jet pedestal effect“



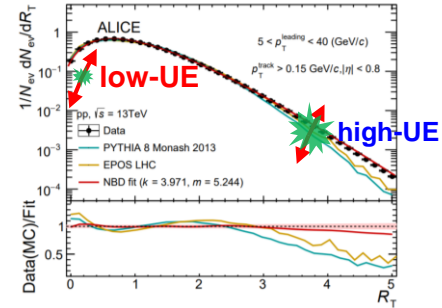
- In events with a jet  $p_T^{\text{lead}} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ , (fixing stoch. effects)
  - In **Toward** and **Away** regions,  $N_{\text{ch}}$  scales with hardness of the jet
  - In **Transverse** region, there is a plateau (no contributions from jet fragmentation)
- UE activity in the Transverse is
  - isolated from and  $\sim$ insensitive to the hard component of the collision
  - **directly sensitive to  $N_{\text{MPI}}$**

# Underlying event activity $R_T$

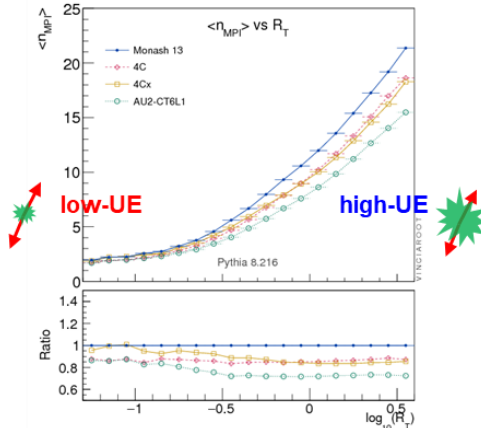


$$R_T = \frac{N_{ch}^{trans}}{\langle N_{ch}^{trans} \rangle}$$

- Self-normalised so that different collision energies and systems can be directly compared
- Proposed originally [arXiv:1603.05298](https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.05298)



## • Proxy for $N_{MPI}$ :



## • Interesting to study identified particles vs. $R_T$

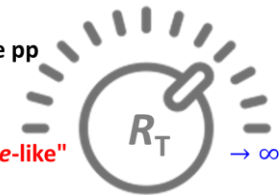
- $\pi$  : reference
- $K_S^0$  vs.  $K^\pm$  : charge effect on the measurement (self-correlation bias)
- $\Lambda$  vs.  $p$  : strangeness effect
- $\Xi$  vs.  $\Lambda$  vs.  $p$  : strangeness scaling effect
- $\phi$  vs.  $\Xi$  : hidden vs. open strangeness effect

### Analyses by:

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$\approx 1$ : average pp

$\rightarrow 0$ : "ee-like"

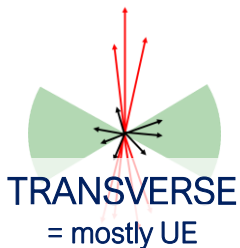


$\rightarrow \infty$ : "AA-like"

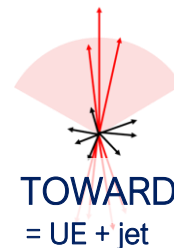
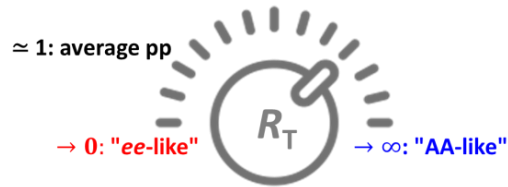
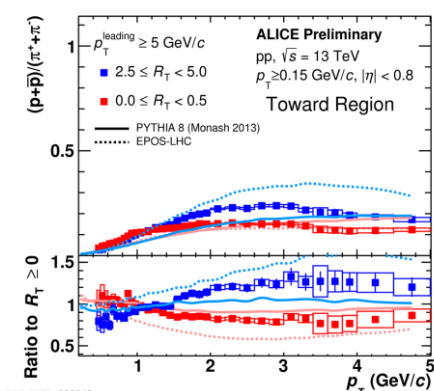
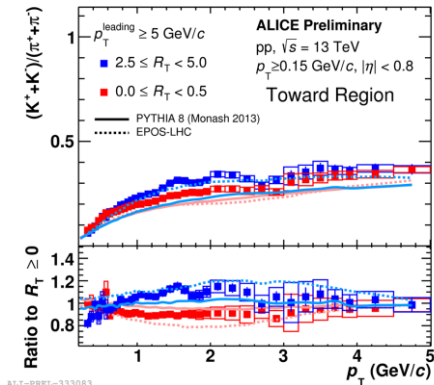
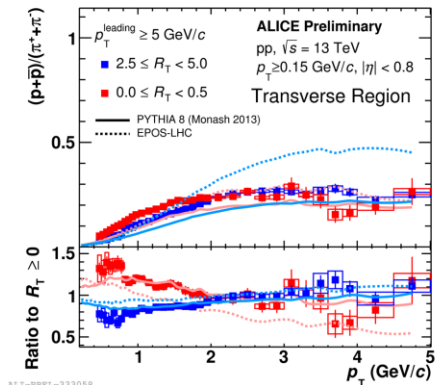
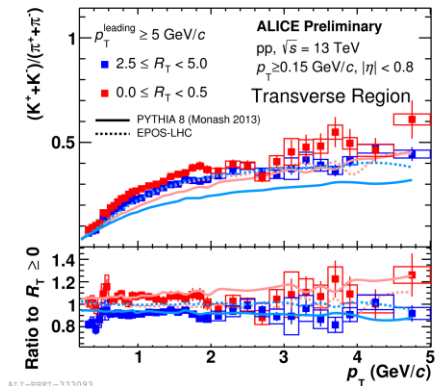


# p, K vs. $R_T$

- Kaons:**



- Protons:**



Protons and Kaons enter the  $R_T$  as primary charged tracks

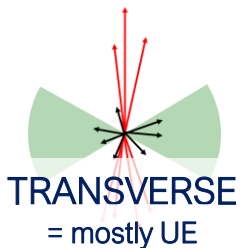
Ratios of particle  $p_T$ -spectra

- $p/\pi$  exhibits a radial flow like behaviour in the **Toward** region



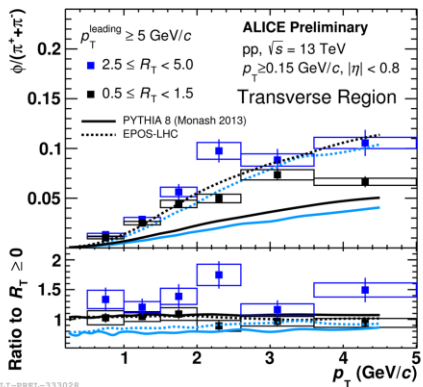
# $\Phi$ , $\phi$ vs. $R_T$

- Phi meson:

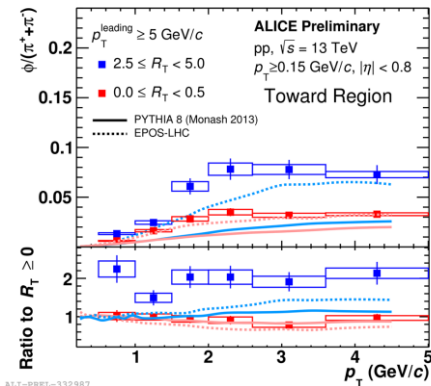


- Xi baryon:

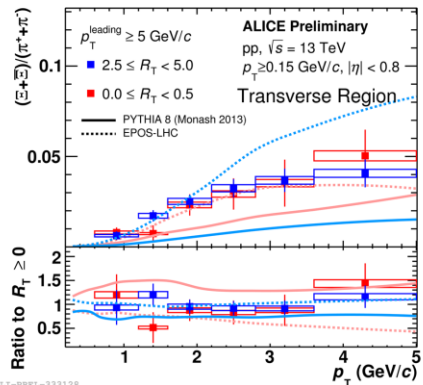
$\Lambda, K_S^0$  results  
are coming  
soon!



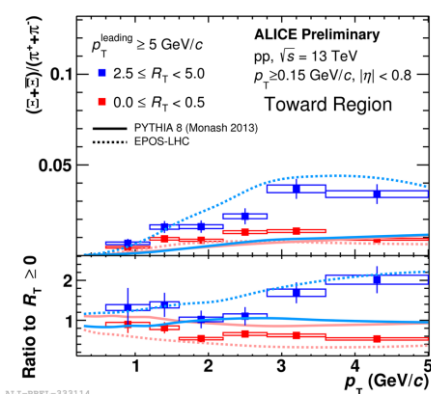
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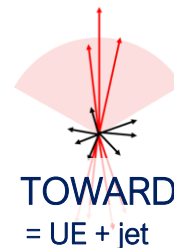
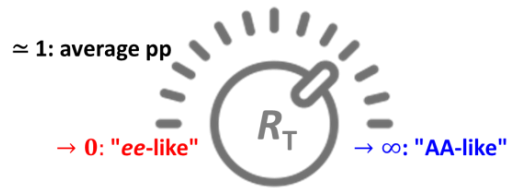
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Phi meson may enter the  $R_T$  as two primary charged tracks

### Ratios of particle $p_T$ -spectra

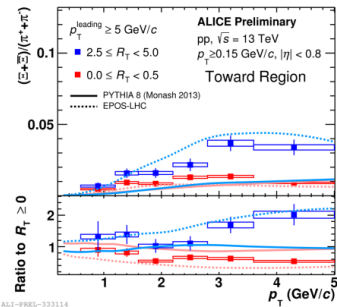
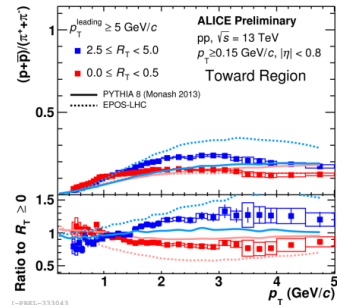
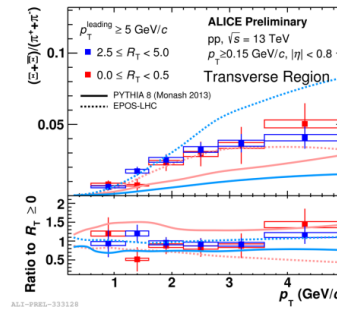
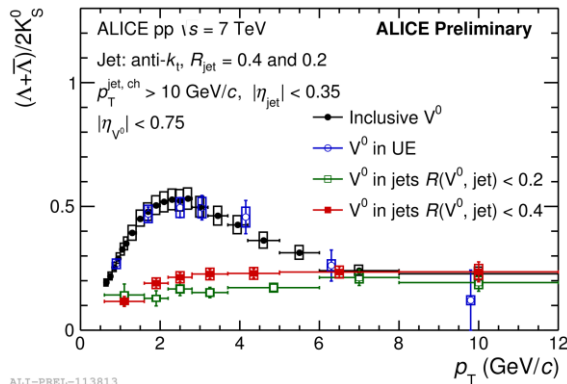
- In Toward,  $\phi$  and  $\Xi$  are enhanced w.r.t.  $\pi$  as  $R_T$  increases
- $\phi$  in Transverse is enhanced with  $R_T$
- $\Xi$  in Transverse does not depend on  $R_T$

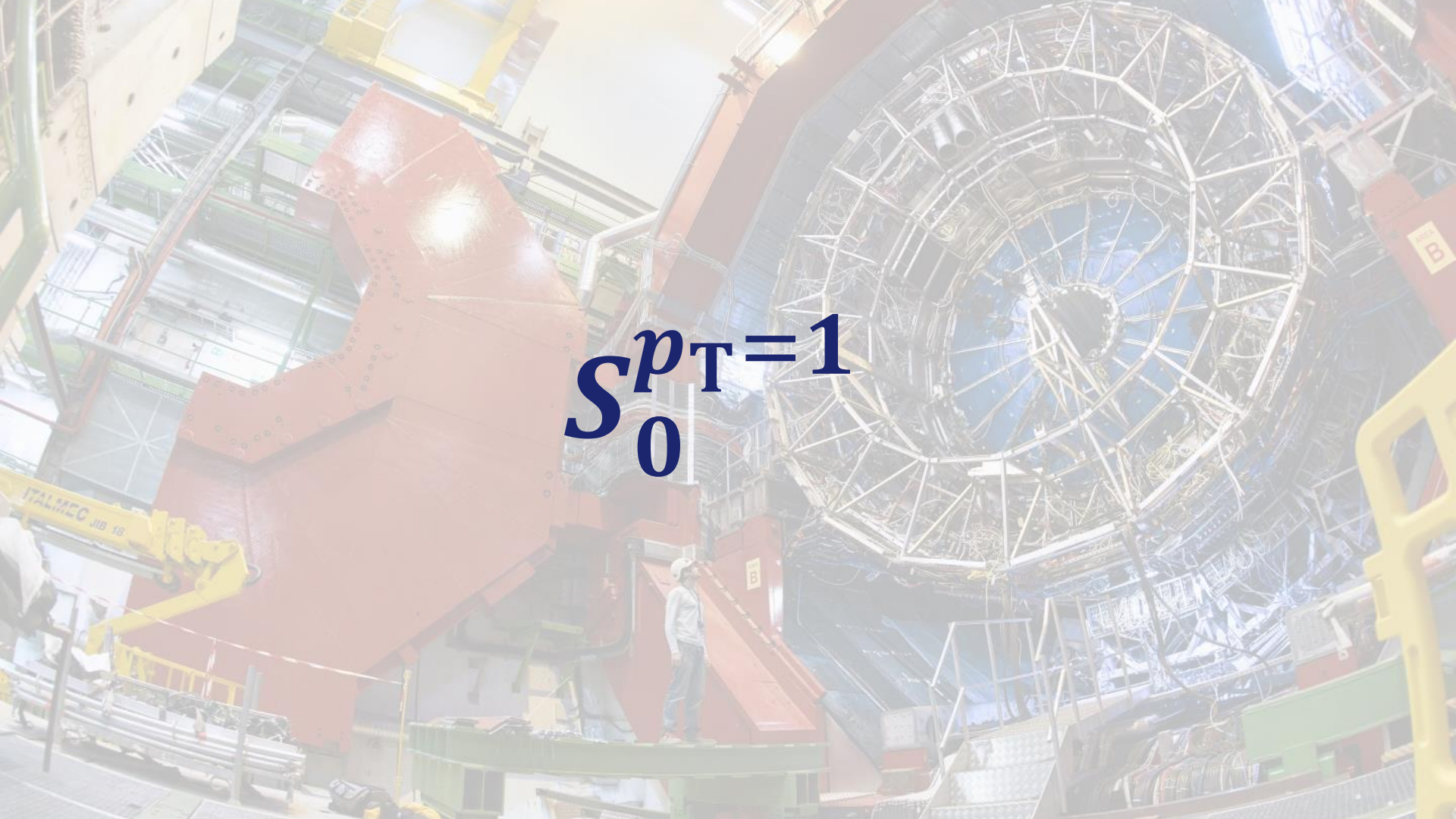




# Radial flow

- „Radial flow“-like pattern not observed in **Transverse** but observed in **Toward**
- High- $R_T$  results in Toward also converge to those in Transverse
- This suggests that the driving factor behind radial flow is not  $N_{MPI}$  but rather the interplay between hard and soft
- This interplay is in the **Toward** region directly controlled by  $R_T$
- This is because productions in UE (soft) and in jets (hard) look very different:



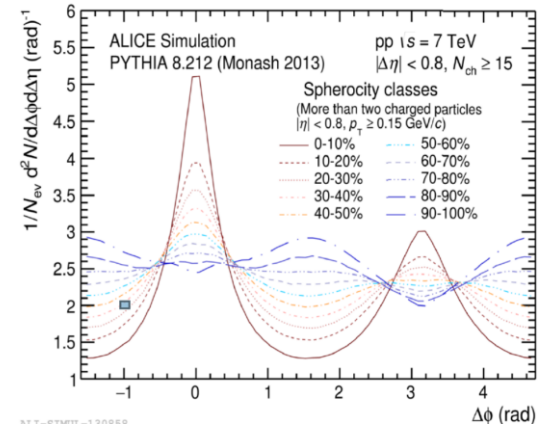
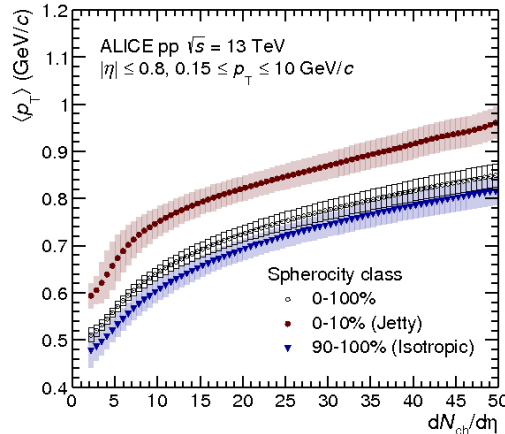
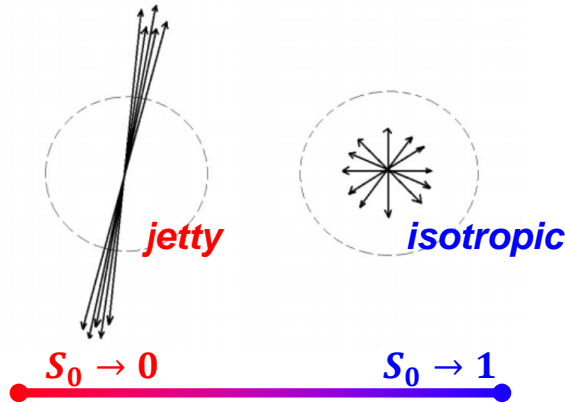


$S_0^{pT} = 1$

# Transverse sphericity $S_0$

- Event geometry can be used to isolate „hard“– vs. „soft“–process dominated events
  - Hadrons produced from **hard** scatterings typically form cone-like structured, back-to-back in azimuth
  - Hadrons from **soft** interactions typically isotropically distributed
- $S_0$  is a simple event geometry classifier:

$$S_0 = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \min_{\hat{n}} \left( \frac{\sum_i |p_{T_i} \times \hat{n}|}{\sum_i p_{T_i}} \right)^2$$



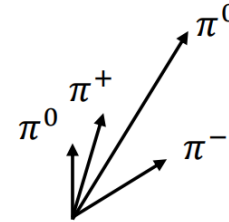
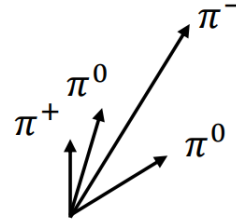
$S_0$  and  $R_T$  measurements are of a similar nature and are mutually complementary!

# Unweighted sphericity $S_0^{p_T=1}$

- Takes into account only angular components of the track
- Isotropic/jetty not in terms of momenta, but number of particles

$$S_0^{p_T=1} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \min_{\hat{n}} \left( \frac{\sum_i |\hat{p}_T \times \hat{n}|}{N_{\text{trk}}} \right)^2$$

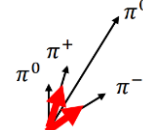
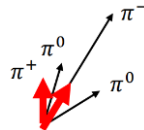
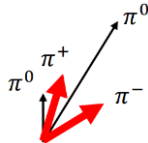
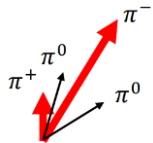
- Two examples of topologically equivalent events:



- Using a detector (only charged particles):

- $S_0$  will be measured as two different values

- $S_0^{p_T=1}$  will be measured as two similar values



### Moreover:

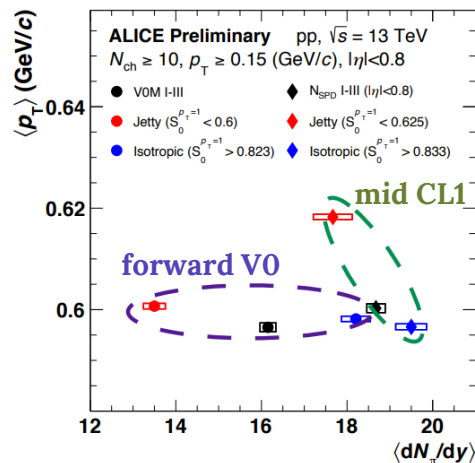
- Neutral „jetty“ might appear as charged „isotropic“
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$S_0^{p_T=1}$  also helps reduce the smearing stemming from failing to reconstruct a high- $p_T$  track

# Sphericity and multiplicity classes

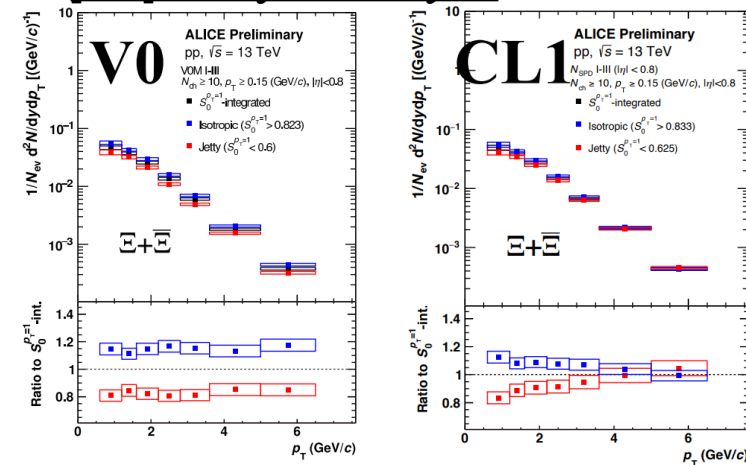
- $S_0^{p_T=1}$  measurements performed in events with  $N_{ch} > 10$  in 0-10% highest multiplicity events determined at
  1. forward rapidity (V0 scintillators)
  2. mid-rapidity ( $N_{tracklets}$  in SPD, called CL1)
- Where we measure  $N_{ch}$  changes what our sphericity classifies:

- With VOM,  $S_0^{p_T=1}$  selects events with similar  $\langle p_T \rangle$  but different multiplicity
- With CL1,  $S_0^{p_T=1}$  selects events with similar multiplicity but different  $\langle p_T \rangle$  and thus disentangles events based on hardness



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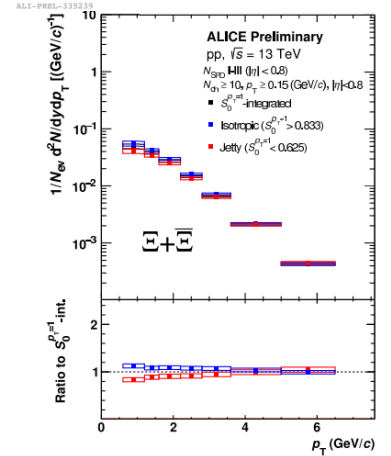
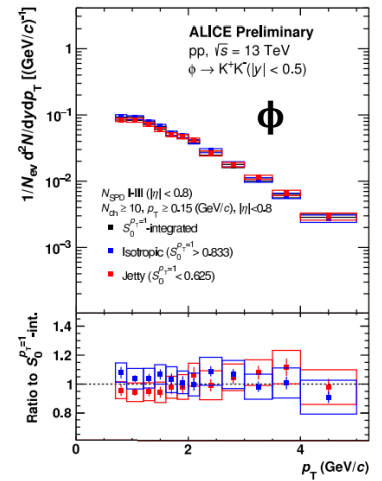
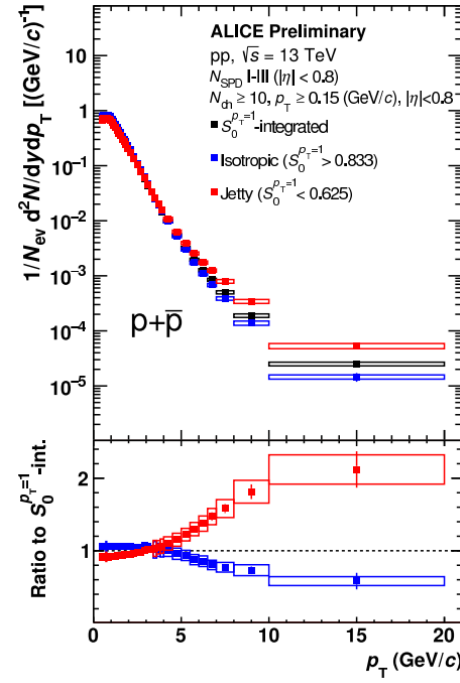
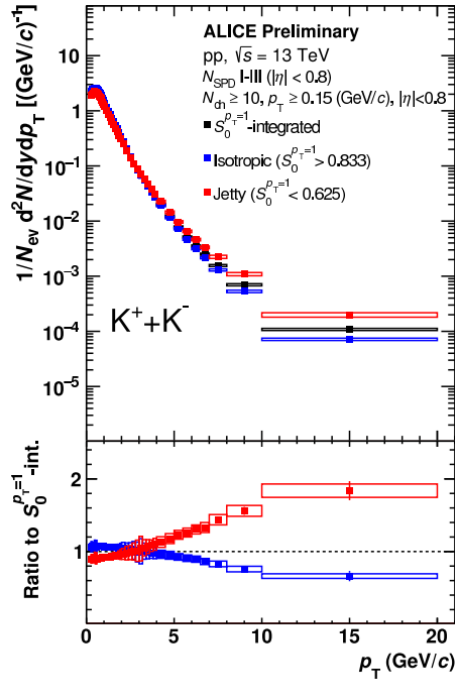
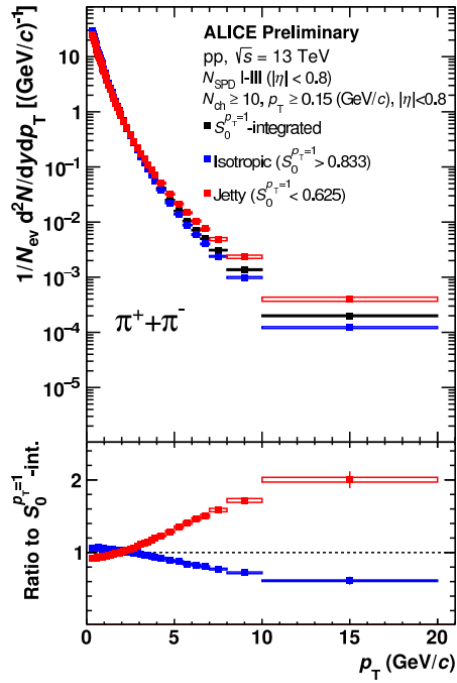
## $p_T$ spectra for Xi baryon:



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- $S_0^{p_T=1}$  selects events with similar behaviour to the integrated result
- $S_0^{p_T=1}$  selects events with different  $p_T$  shape w.r.t the integrated result

# Identified pT spectra - CL1 estimator

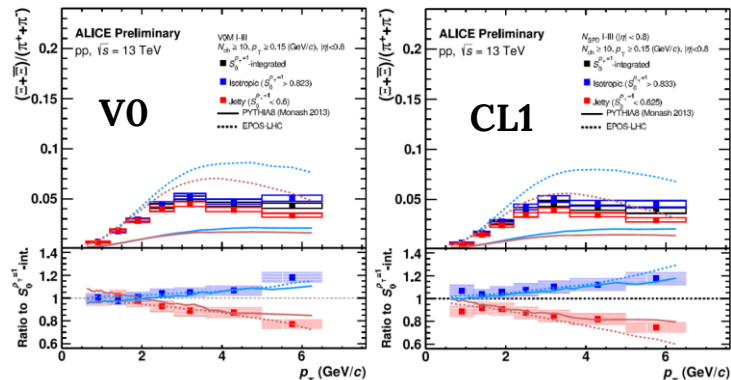


Pions, Protons, Kaons enter the spherocity calculation  
Phi mesons enter twice (two primary daughters)  
Xi does not enter



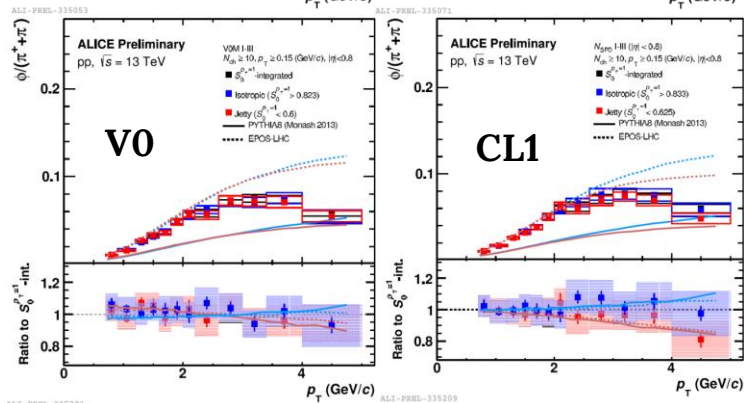
# Particle ratios - Xi, phi

- Xi baryon:



Xi results suggest that in combination with the CL1 estimator, changing  $S_0^{pT=1}$  enhances or suppresses strangeness (no crossing point)

- Phi meson:



Phi meson does not give a clear picture and shows no dependence on  $S_0^{pT=1}$  using both CL1 and V0

**Models:**

- Neither Pythia8 nor EPOS-LHC can describe the particle ratios quantitatively
- However, double ratios can be described well by both



# Summary

- Underlying event activity  $R_T$  can be used
  - as a proxy for  $N_{\text{MPI}}$  (in the Transverse region) ,
  - to control the amount of mixing between **jet**- and **UE**-related production (in the Toward region) .
  - Results hint at the fact that the driving factor behind observations of „radial flow“-like features is not  $N_{\text{MPI}}$  but rather the jet/UE interplay
- Unweighted sphericity  $S_0^{p_T=1}$  can be used
  - as a tool to discriminate between **soft** and **hard** physics dominated events based on the event topology, particularly in combination with high-multiplicity events determined at mid-rapidity.
  - **Isotropic** events display  $\Xi$  enhancement, **jetty** events show suppression,
  - models cannot describe the observed particle ratios.
- Results showed at
  - QM 2019 ( <https://indico.cern.ch/event/792436/contributions/3533768/> and <https://indico.cern.ch/event/792436/contributions/3533783/> )
  - MPI 2019 ( <https://indico.cern.ch/event/816226/contributions/3603866/> and <https://indico.cern.ch/event/816226/contributions/3614931/> )
  - Zimanyi Winter School 2019 ([https://indico.cern.ch/event/867085/contributions/3656079/attachments/1954459/3245983/Zimanyi\\_talk.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/867085/contributions/3656079/attachments/1954459/3245983/Zimanyi_talk.pdf) )
- Studying events vs. the event structure seems very promising and there is still a lot of area to cover



**Thank you for your attention!**

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**BACKUP**

# ALICE at the LHC

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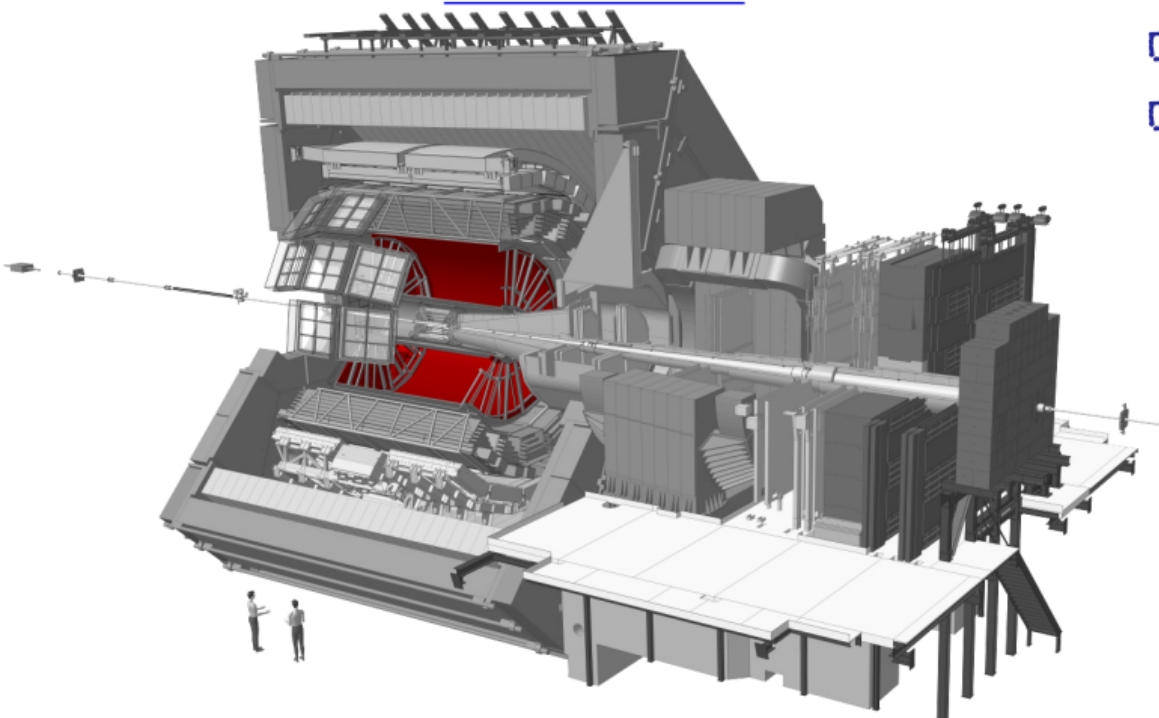
The dedicated detector at the LHC for tracking and PID from  $\sim 150$  MeV/c up to 20 GeV/c in high-multiplicity environments

$$V0 = V0A + V0C$$

- Forward scintillator hodoscopes
  - V0A ( $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$ )
  - V0C ( $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$ )
- Triggering, background suppression and multiplicity estimator in the forward region

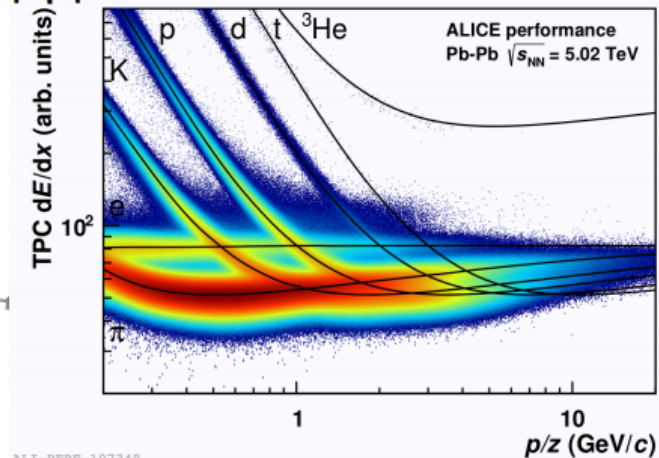
# PID with ALICE

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## TPC

- PID based on  $dE/dx$
- $|\eta| < 0.9$



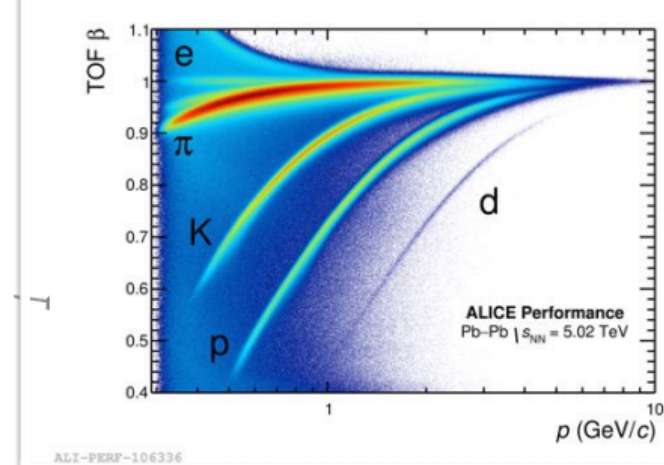
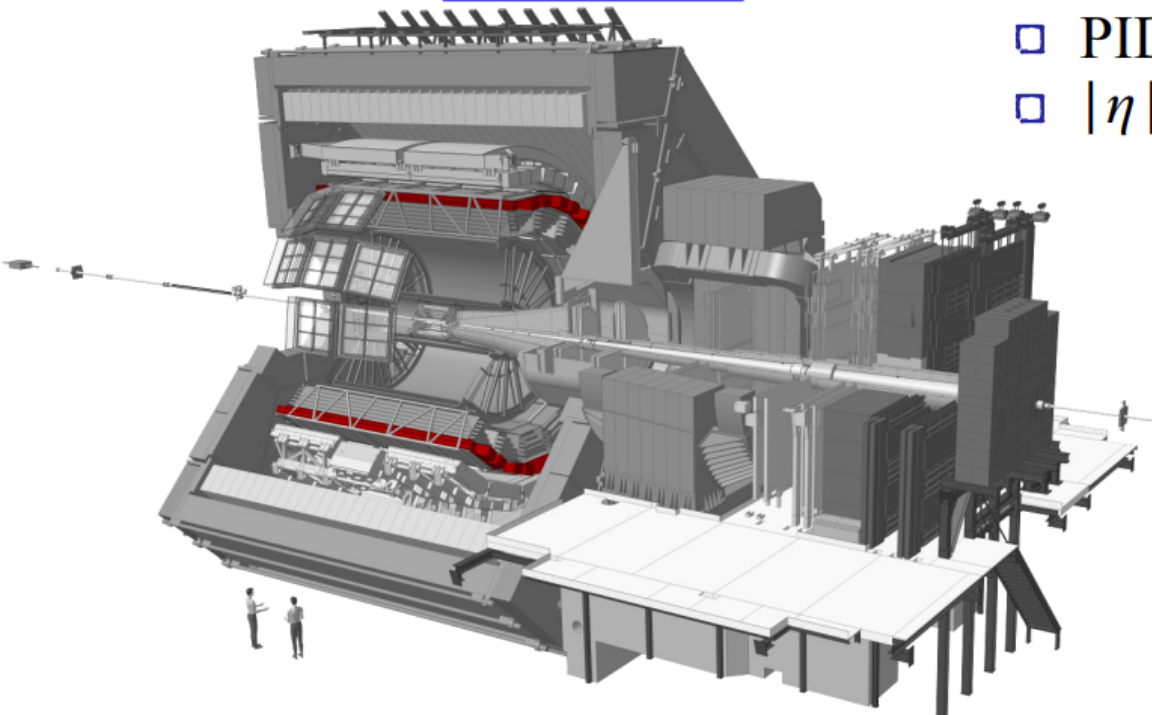
In this presentation:  
 $\pi/K/p, \phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$   
 $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+) \rightarrow \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) + \pi^-(\pi^+)$

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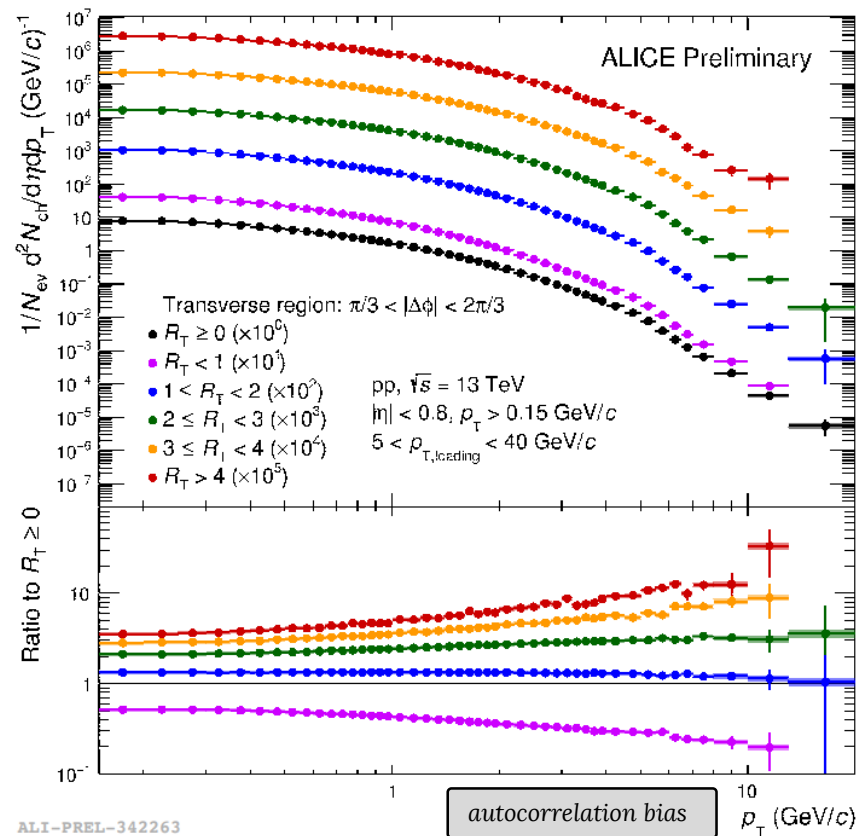
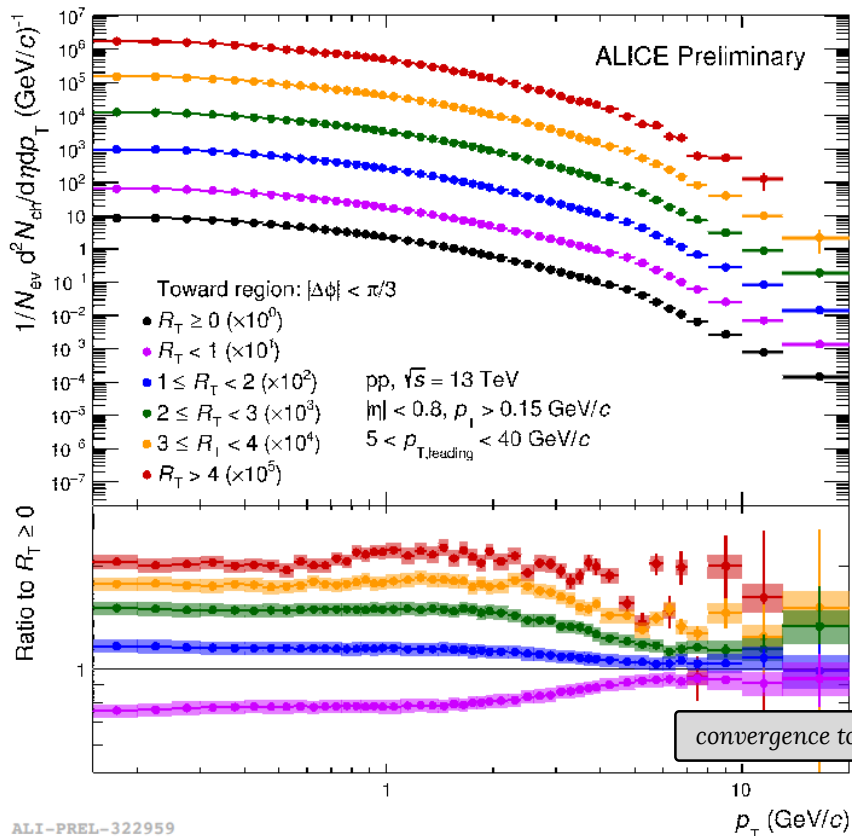
TOF

- PID based on the Time-Of-Flight
- $|\eta| < 0.9$



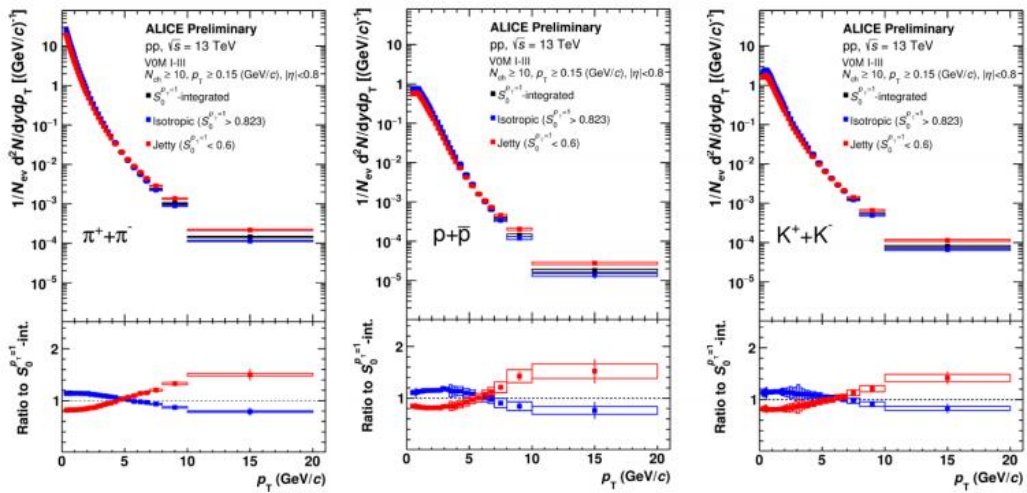
In this presentation:  
 $\pi/K/p, \phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$   
 $\Xi^-(\bar{\Xi}^+) \rightarrow \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}) + \pi^-(\pi^+)$

# Charged tracks vs RT



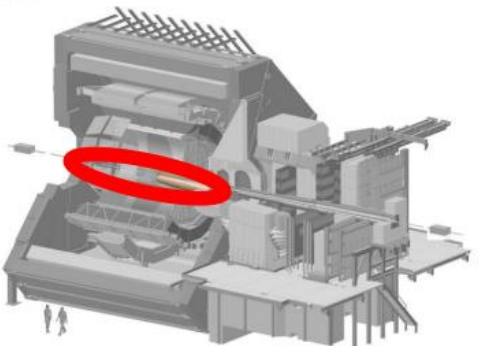
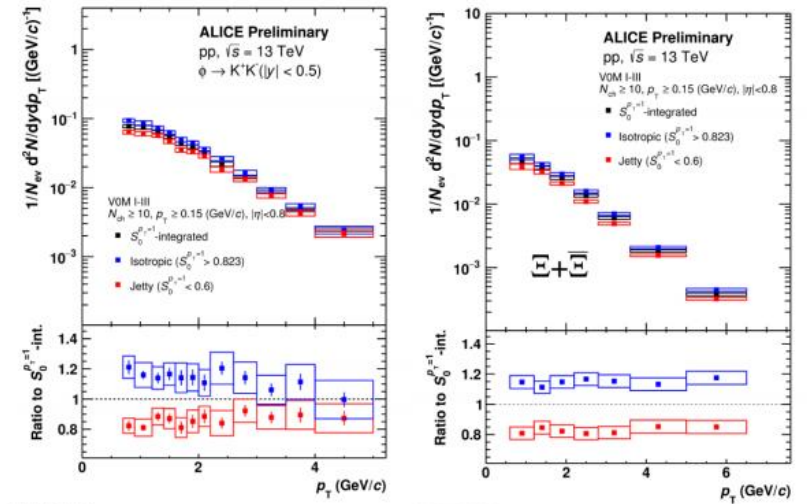
# Unweighed Transverse Sphericity $S_0^{p_T=1}$ – Results

## VOM 0 – 10%



Distinct difference between Jetty and Isotropic events!

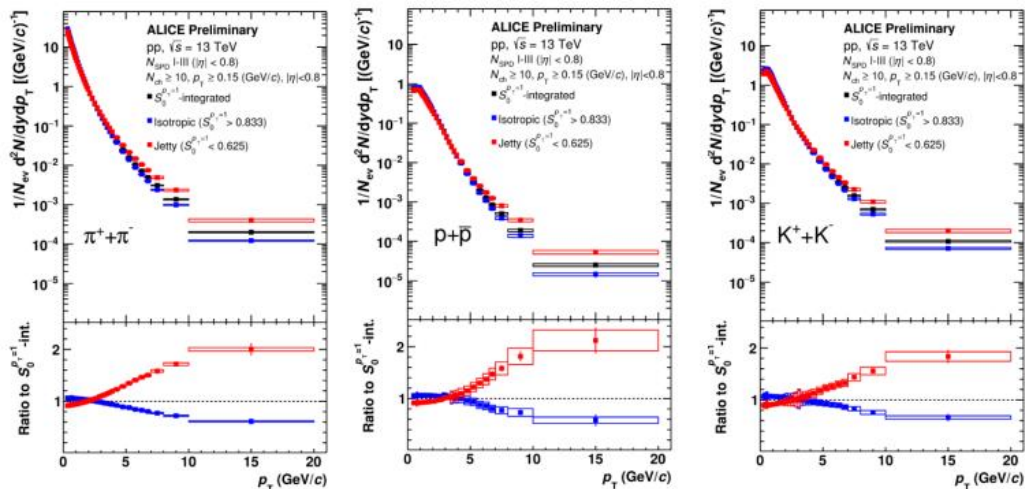
$\pi/K/P$  has distinct crossing point.  
 $\phi/\Xi$  seem to be more flat around unity.



$2.8 < \eta < 5.1$   
 $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$

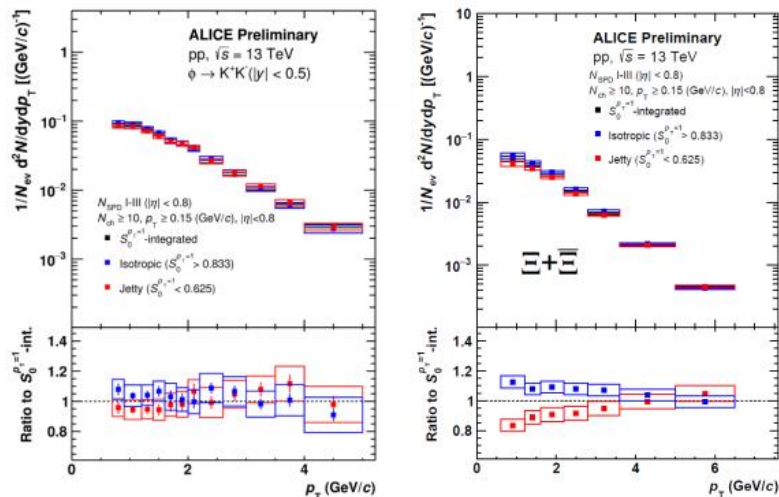
# Unweighted Transverse Spherocity $S_0^{p_T=1}$ – Results

## CL1 0 – 10%

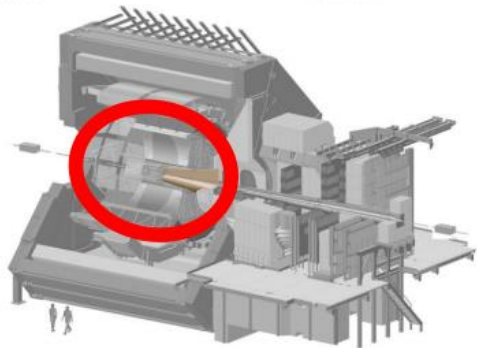


Difference between Isotropic and Jetty are now less distinct at low  $p_T$ .

$\pi/K/P$  still has a crossing point.  
 $\phi/\Xi$  converge to unity.



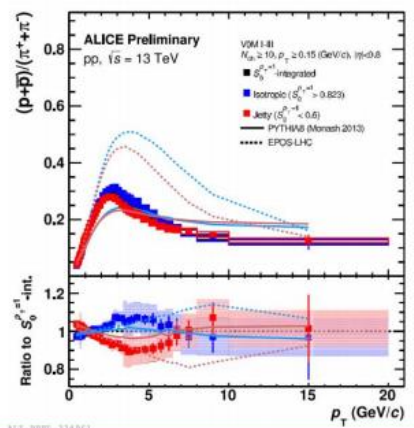
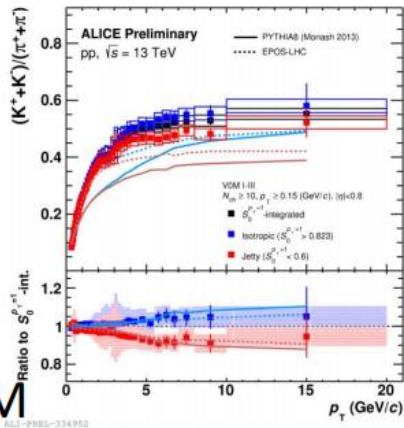
$|\eta| < 0.8$



# Unweighed Transverse Spherocity $S_0^{p_T=1}$ – Results

## Ratio to Pions - $K/\pi$ and $p/\pi$

VOM



The  $K/\pi$  and  $p/\pi$  ratios exhibit different effects when triggering on CL1 or VOM

CL1

