



# *Light flavoured hadron production in $pp$ and $p$ -Pb collisions*

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# Outline

- *Past and recent activities*
  - *Identification of  $\pi/K/p$  using the TPC at the relativistic rise*
    - *Past: Analysis of  $pp$  coll. at 7 TeV and  $p$ -Pb coll. at 5.02 ATeV*
      - *Paper published*
    - *Recent: Analysis of  $pp$  coll. at 13 TeV*
      - *Paper proposal (expected in couple of weeks)*
  
- *Status of analysis in  $pp$  coll. at 13 TeV*
  - *$\pi / k / p$  production*
  - *$K_0^S, \Lambda$  and Multi-strange baryon production*
  - *$\Phi, K^{*0}$  production*



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# Analysis of pp coll. at 7TeV and p-Pb coll. at 5.02 ATeV

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Multiplicity dependence of charged pion, kaon, and (anti)proton production at large transverse momentum in p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV

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## Abstract

The production of charged pions, kaons and (anti)protons has been measured at mid-rapidity ( $-0.5 < y < 0$ ) in p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV using the ALICE detector at the LHC. Exploiting particle identification capabilities at high transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ), the previously published  $p_T$  spectra have been extended to include measurements up to 20 GeV/c for seven event multiplicity classes. The  $p_T$  spectra for pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV, needed to interpolate a pp reference spectrum, have also been extended up to 20 GeV/c to measure the nuclear modification factor ( $R_{pPb}$ ) in non-single diffractive p-Pb collisions.

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- Multiplicity dependence of charged pion, kaon, and (anti)proton production at large transverse momentum in p-Pb collisions at  $s_{NN} = 5.02$  TeV

- Paper Committee members:

Antonio Ortiz (chair),

Peter Christiansen,

Gyula Bencedi,

Giacomo Volpe

- Measured quantities:

Yields,  $K/\pi$ ,  $p/\pi$ , Nuclear modification factor ( $R_{pPb}$ )

- Main conclusions:

- Cronin-enhancement for protons

( attributed to change of proton spectra shape going from pp to p-Pb )

- No modification of  $R_{pPb}$  for  $\pi/K/p$  at high  $p_T$

- High- $p_T$  integrated ratios system size independent

- Analysis note: <https://aliceinfo.cern.ch/Notes/node/428>



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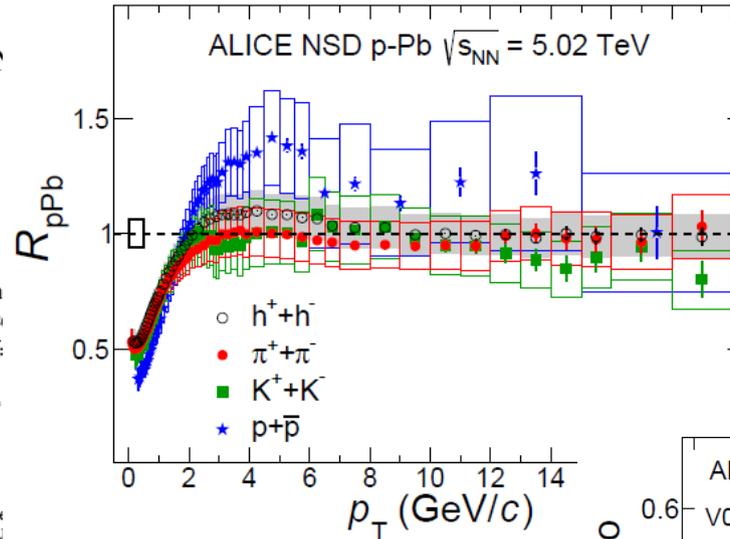
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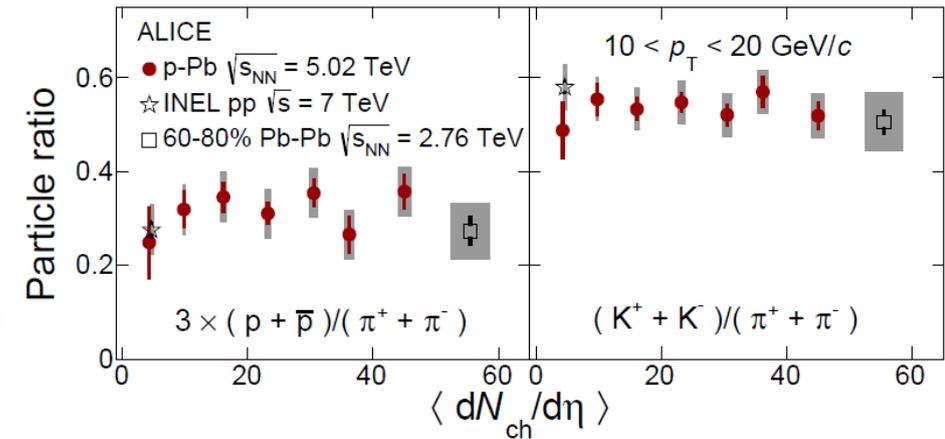
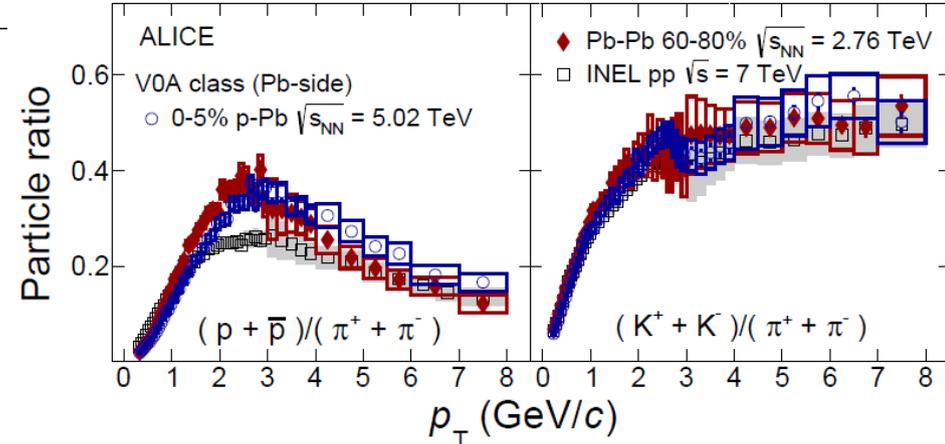
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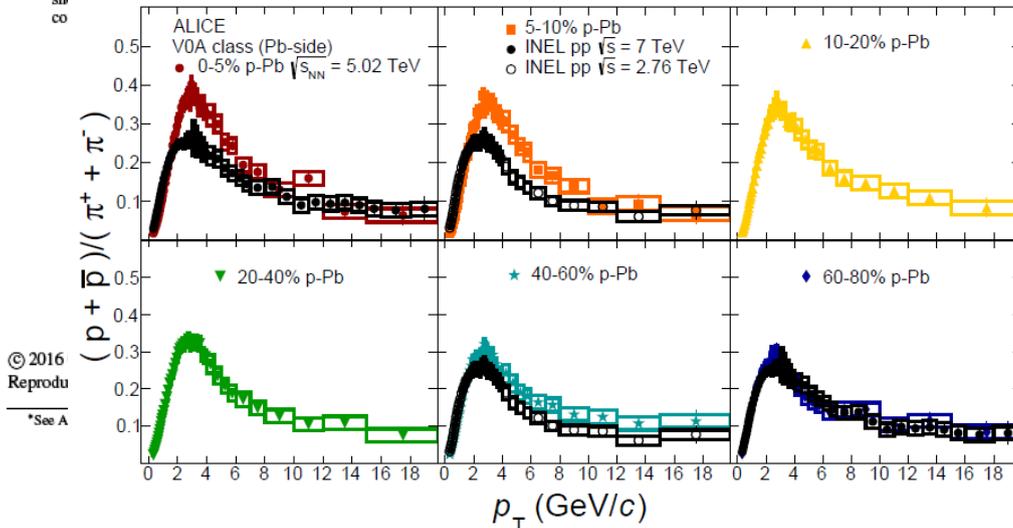
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- Nuclear modification factors
- Particle ratios vs. multiplicity
- Particle ratios vs. system size



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# 5 Analysis of $pp$ coll. at 13TeV (minimum bias)



- Analysis of Run 2 data – LHC15f pass2 (ESDs): collected in 2015, 3–13 June
  - $\pi/k/p$  production
  - $K_s^0, \Lambda$  and Multi-strange baryon production
  - $\Phi, K_0^*$  production
- **Preliminary results**
  - PWG-LF meeting - SQM approval session (6 June 2016)  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/539129/>
- **Goal: Paper** – Final results and have a long paper collecting light flavoured results → paper on arXiv for QM'17 (Feb 6, 2017)
  - Paper committee members: Gyula B.(chair), Anders K., Yasser C., Peter K., Sourav K.
- **Potential issues (we know of and strongly affect all analyses and paper as well)**
  - **[Missing]** INEL normalization of the spectra **( In progress... )**
    - Started in collaboration with Ernesto Calvo Villar (PWG-UD)
  - **[Wrong]** low  $p_T$  PID hypothesis for protons and kaons → Effect on Lambdas **( Resolved! )**
    - <https://alice.its.cern.ch/jira/browse/PWGPP-218>



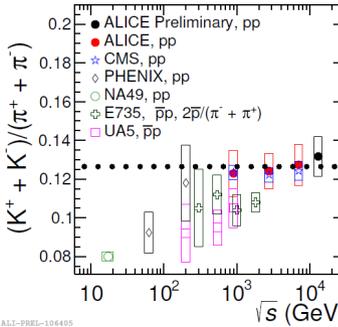
# Preliminary Results – presented on conferences

[June, 2016] **Meson 2016** – <http://meson.if.uj.edu.pl>

Roberto P. – “ALICE results in pp collisions at 13 TeV”

## K/π yield ratio at mid-rapidity

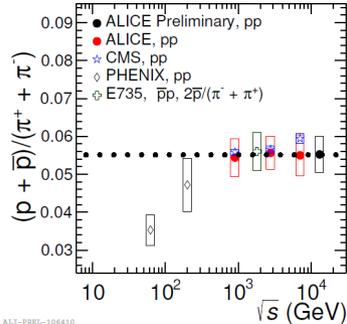
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energy-dependence of integrated yield ratios



ALICE Preliminary, pp  
● ALICE, pp  
★ CMS, pp  
◇ PHENIX, pp  
○ NA49, pp  
◇ E735,  $\bar{p}p, 2\bar{p}/(\pi^+ + \pi^-)$   
□ UA5,  $\bar{p}p$

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ALICE Preliminary, pp

**new preliminary results**

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

**published results**

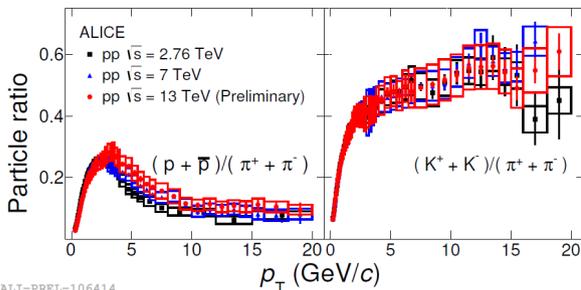
$\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.76, 7$  TeV

extend low-energy data  
by a factor  $\sim 10x$

saturation for  $\sqrt{s} > 900$  GeV  
 $p/\pi$  ratio stays constant

## $p_T$ dependent p/π and K/π

possible to study systematically  
over a **large  $p_T$  and  $\sqrt{s}$  range**

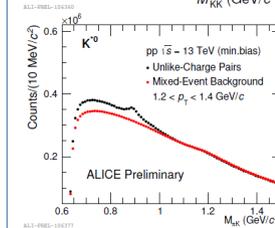
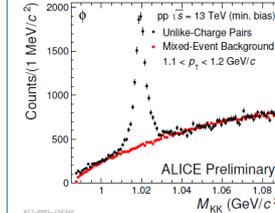
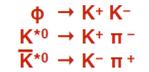


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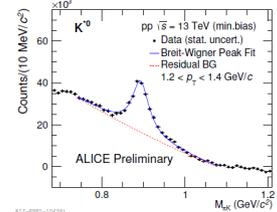
**p/π ratio** shift towards higher  $p_T$  for higher  $\sqrt{s}$   
**K/π ratio** no significant modifications

## Hadronic resonances: $\phi, K^{*0}$

$\phi(1020), K^*(892)^0$  and  $\bar{K}^*(892)^0$   
from invariant-mass analysis  
identified decay daughters



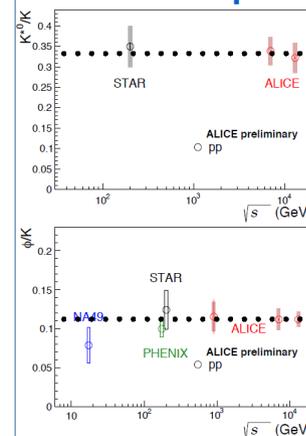
combinatorial background estimated with  
mixed-event technique and subtracted  
Breit-Wigner / Voigtian fit to extract resonance yield



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## Resonance production at mid-rapidity

**new preliminary results**  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV



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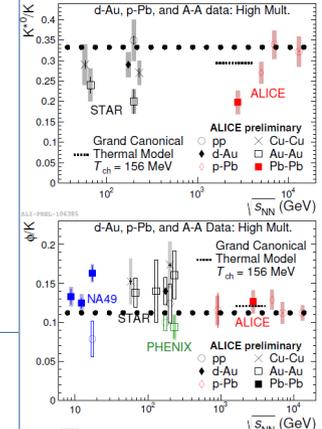
**new preliminary results**  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

**published results in pp**  
 $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 7$  TeV

extend low-energy data  
by a factor  $\sim 10^2-10^3$

**constant production vs.  $\sqrt{s}$  of  
strange resonances ( $\phi, K^{*0}$ ) to  
strange stable hadrons ( $K^\pm$ )  
in proton-proton collisions**

**$K^*$  deviations in A-A collisions**  
understood as final-state effects



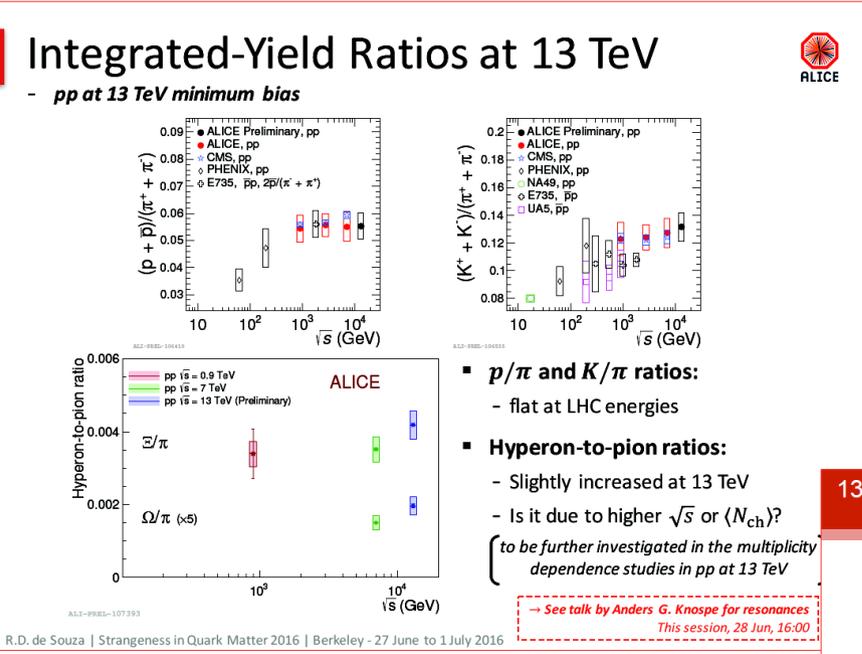
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# Preliminary Results – presented on conferences

[July, 2016] **SQM 2016** – <https://indico.cern.ch/event/403913/overview>

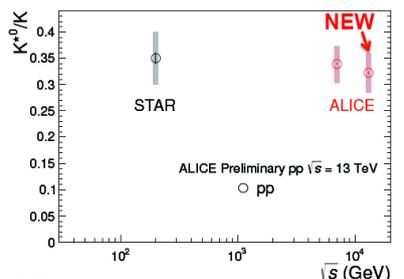
Anders K. – “Recent Hadronic Resonance Measurements at ALICE”



Rafael D. – “Identified particle production in pp collisions at 7 TeV and 13 TeV measured with ALICE”

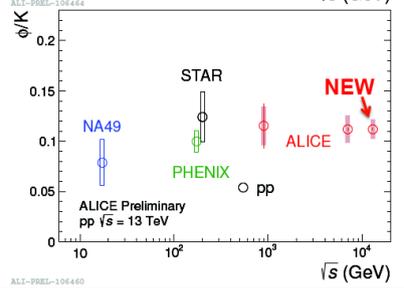
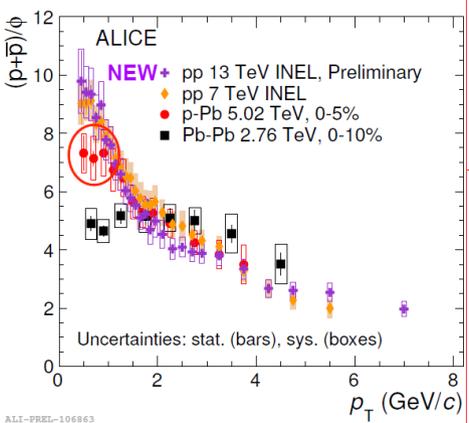
## 8 Ratios to Stable Hadrons (pp) Knospe

- Ratios in pp: **new ALICE** measurements of  $\rho^0/\pi$  at 2.76 TeV,  $K^*0/K$  and  $\phi/K$  at 13 TeV:
  - No energy dependence through 2-3 orders of magnitude



## 13 $p/\phi$ Ratio vs. $p_T$ Knospe

- New measurement** in pp collisions at 13 TeV
- $p/\phi$  **flat for central collisions** for  $p_T < 3-4$  GeV/c
  - Consistent with **hydrodynamic evolution**, some recombination models can also describe it
- $p/\phi$  in high-multiplicity p-Pb:
  - For  $p_T > 1$  GeV/c: similar to pp and peripheral Pb-Pb (not shown)
  - For  $p_T < 1$  GeV/c: decrease (flattening?) in  $p/\phi$ : hint of onset of collective behavior in high-multiplicity p-Pb?



Phys. Rev. C 91 024609 (2015)  
Eur. Phys. J. C 76 245 (2016)



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# $\pi$ / K / p production

## Analysis Crew:

- **ITSsa:** Yasser, Ivan
- **low- $p_T$  TPC:** Martin, Benjamin
- **HMPID:** Giacomo
- **TOF:** Tona
- **rTPC:** Gyula, Antonio, Peter C.
- **Kaons from kinks:** Martha

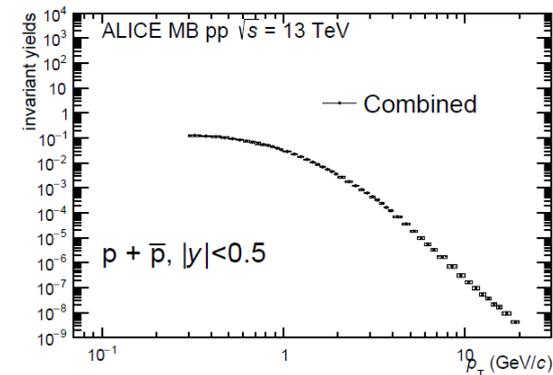
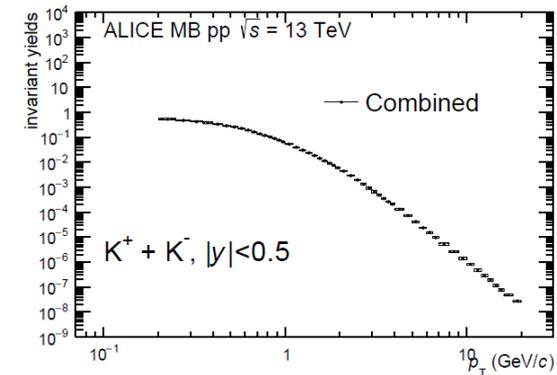
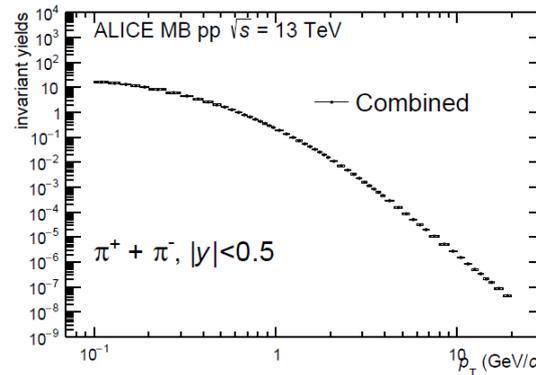
Analysis	Tracking	$p_T$ range [GeV/c]			PID approach	Crew
		$\pi^+ + \pi^-$	$K^+ + K^-$	p + pbar		
ITS-sa	ITSsa	0.1-0.7	0.2-0.6	0.3-0.65	<dE/dx> cut	Ivan Ravasenga/ Yasser
TPC*	global tracks	0.15-20	0.3-20	0.4-20	multi-template fit	Martin Schmidt/ Benjamin Hess
TOF	global tracks	0.5-2.5	0.5-2.4	0.8-3.7	unfolding	Raul Tonatiuh Jimenez
HMPID	global tracks	1.5-4.0	1.5-4.0	1.5-6.0	unfolding	Giacomo Volpe
rTPC	global tracks	2.0-20.	3.0-20.	3.0-20.	unfolding	Gyula Bencedi/ Antonio Ortiz
Kink	global tracks	-	0.3-7.0	-	topological decay	Martha Spyropoulou

## Combined results – Standard procedure is used

- Weighted mean with inverse square of “non-common” systematic uncertainties
- Adding common uncertainties to the combined results (e.g. global tracking eff.,  $p_T$  dep. global tracking uncert.)

## More details →

- AN note: <https://aliceinfo.cern.ch/Notes/node/476>
- ALICE Physics Week (7 March 2016)  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/503876>
- PWG-LF: Light Flavour Spectra (18 April 2016)  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/520228>
- Physics Forum - SQM previews (30 May 2016)  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/534010>
- PWG-LF meeting - SQM approval session (6 June 2016)  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/539129>



# ITS stand-alone (ITSsa)



- **(1) Analysis based on the ITS information only**

- ITSsa tracking, ITSPureSA set -all clusters in ITS

- PID via ITS  $dE/dx$ :

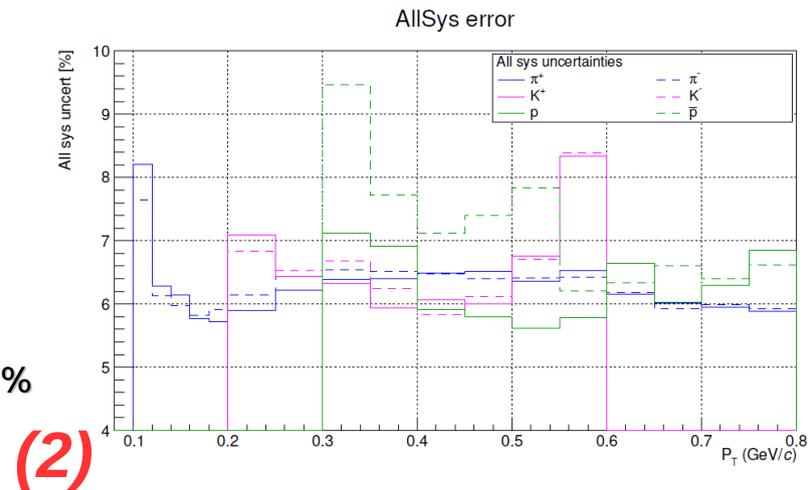
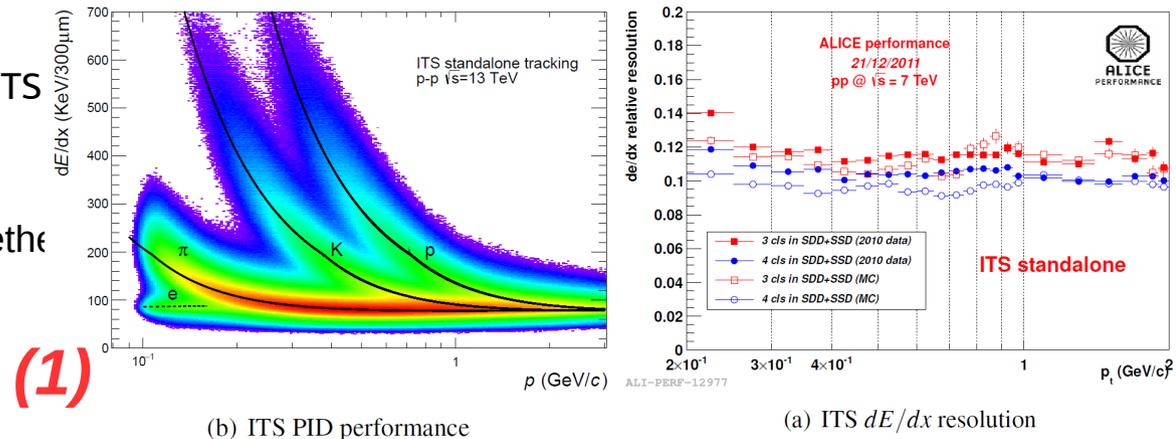
- Species selected via the closest expected Bethe
- PID via  $N\sigma$  and Bayesian approaches

- Geant3/Geant4 correction

- Negative K in all the measured  $p_T$  interval
- Anti-protons for  $p_T < 400$  MeV/c

- **(2) Main source of systematic uncert.**

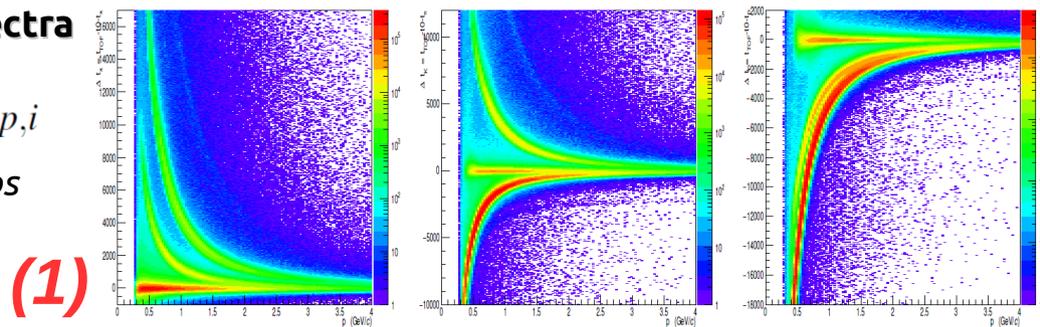
- ITS-sa tracking: track selection criteria varying cuts inside a reasonable range; Tracking efficiency
- PID approach:  $n\sigma$ /Bayesian PID
- Material Budget; material budget was varied by  $\pm 7.5\%$



# TOF

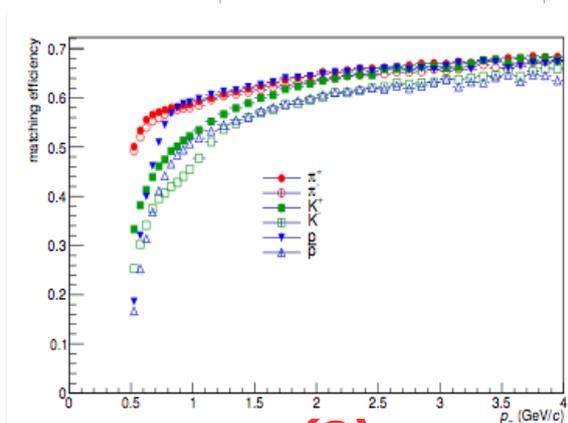
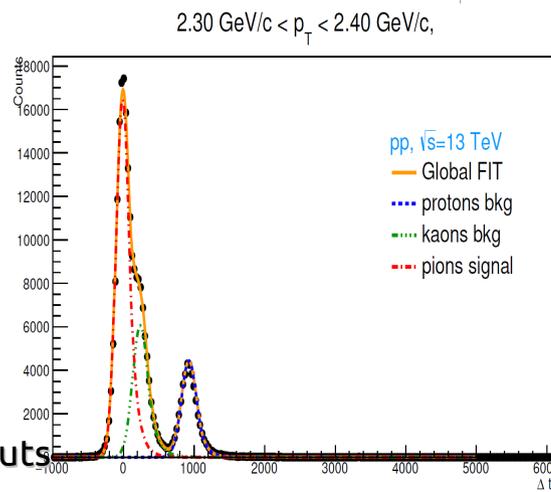
- (1) TOF unfolding technique used to obtain the raw spectra**

- Using  $\Delta t_i$  as a PID estimator  $\Delta t_i = t_{TOF} - t_0 - t_{exp,i}$
- PID performance depends on time resolution,  $\sim 110\text{ps}$
- Raw yield extracted from the signal

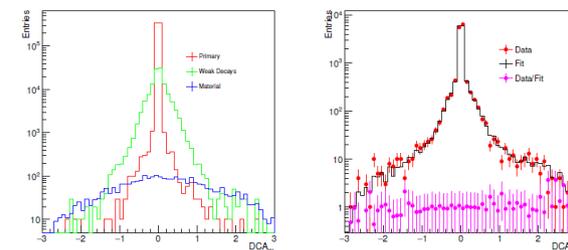
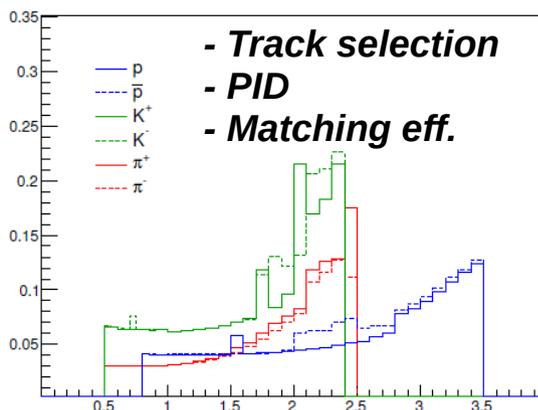


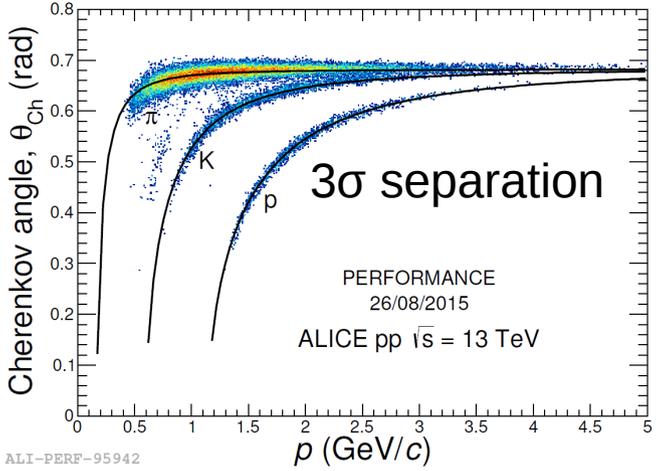
- (2) Corrections**

- Tracking and matching efficiency
  - Feed down correction using DCA fits
  - Geant/Fluka correction only for K-
- (3) Main sources of systematic uncertainties**
  - Systematic due to raw yield extraction
  - Systematic due to track cuts  $\rightarrow$  varying track cuts
  - Systematic due to tracking efficiency



**(3)**





# HMPID

$$\cos \theta_{Ch} = \frac{1}{n\beta} \implies \theta_{Ch} = \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}{np}\right)$$

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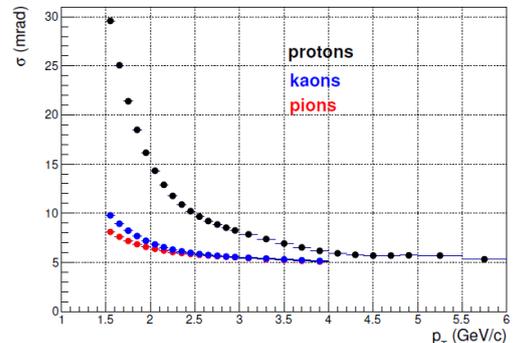
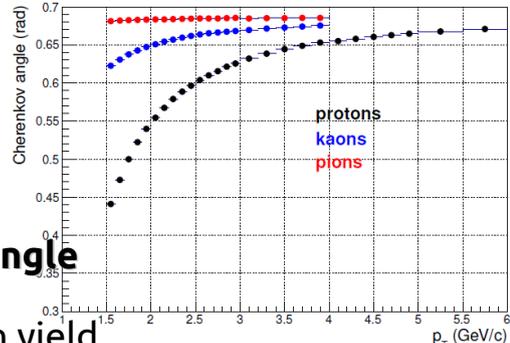


Fig. 32: Mean Cherenkov angle (left) and standard deviation (right) values for pions, kaons and protons obtained by the three-Gaussian fitting procedure as a function of  $p_T$ .

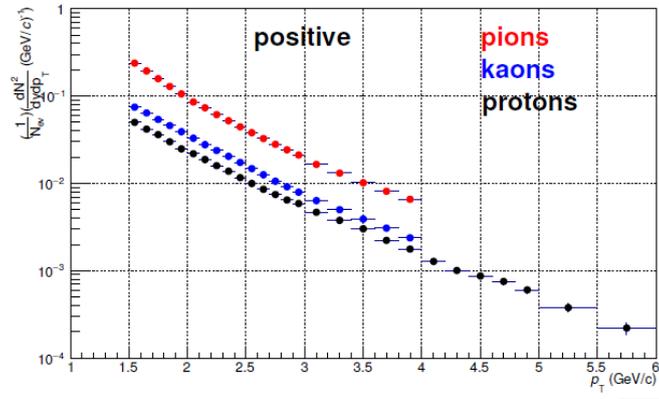
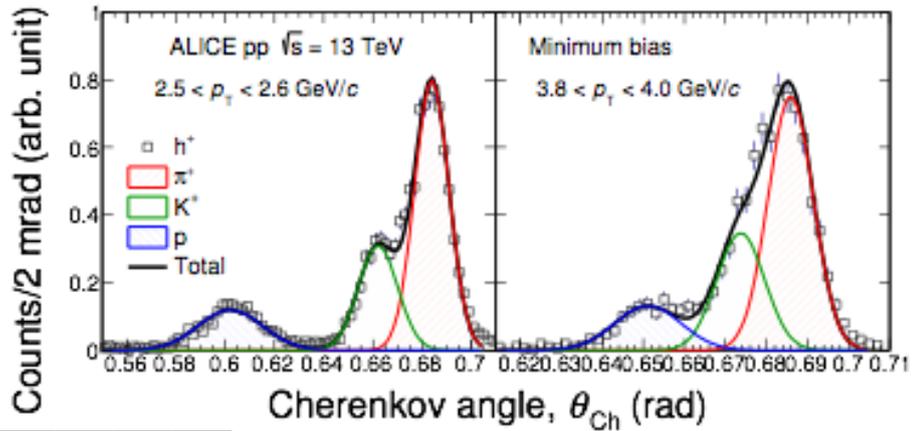
## (1) PID based on the measurement of Cherenkov angle

- Statistical unfolding used to extract raw hadron yield
- (2) Raw yield extracted from the signal

## Main sources of systematic uncert.

- Systematics due to raw signal extraction
  - Varying fit parameters (mean, sigma)
- Systematics due to track cuts and event
  - Varying track cuts
- Systematics due to Feed down correction
- Systematics due to matching
  - MIP-track distance (Default 5cm); 6cm and 4cm

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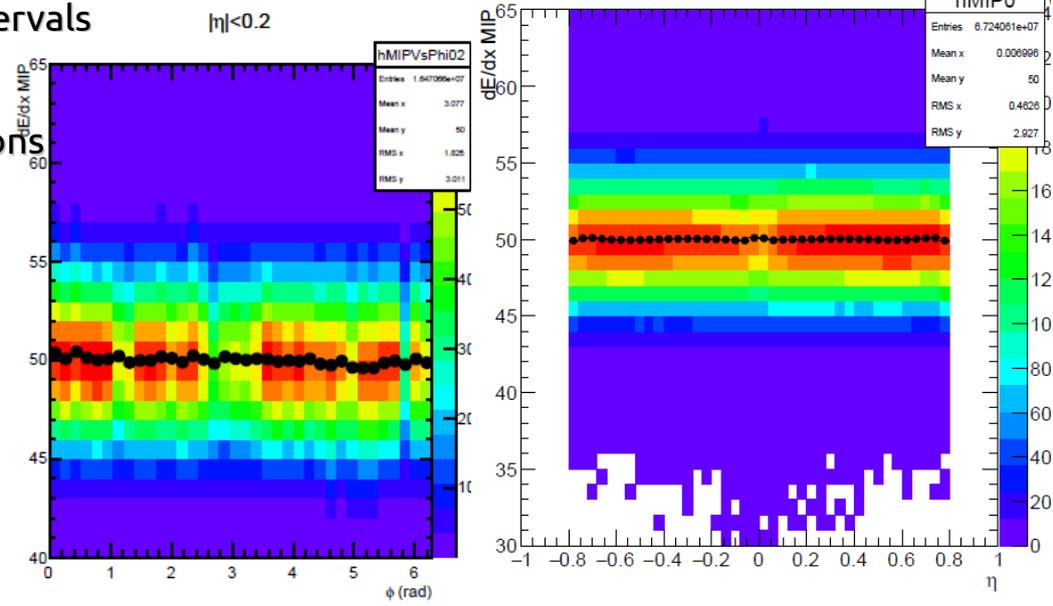
# TPC rel. rise analysis

• Signal extraction based on the precise knowledge of dE/dx

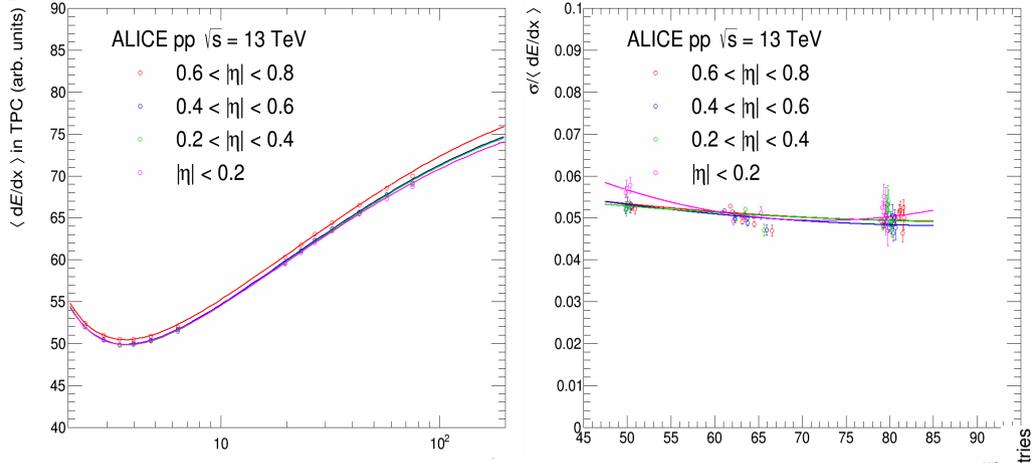
- (1) dE/dx recalibration in narrow pseudorapidity intervals
- (2) New BB and  $\sigma_{dE/dx}$  parametrization vs.  $\eta$
- (3) 4-Gaussian fits used to (4) extract particle fractions
- (5) pi/k/p yields  $\rightarrow$  particle frac. x charged spectrum

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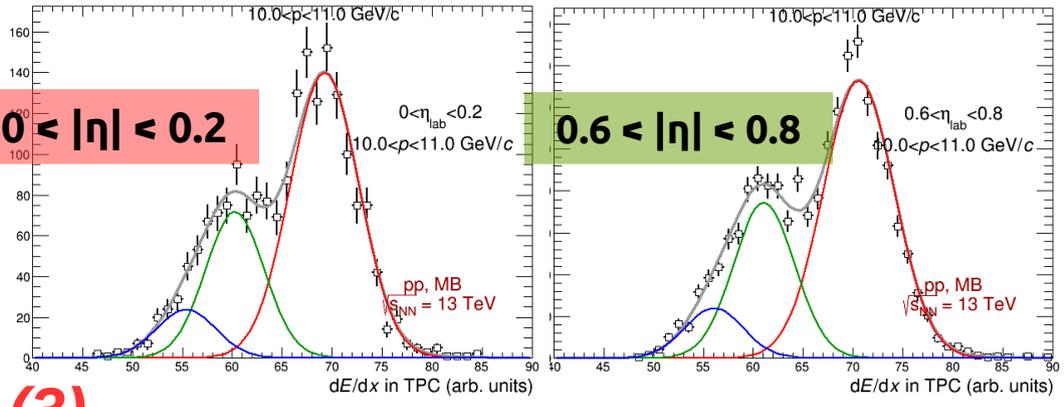
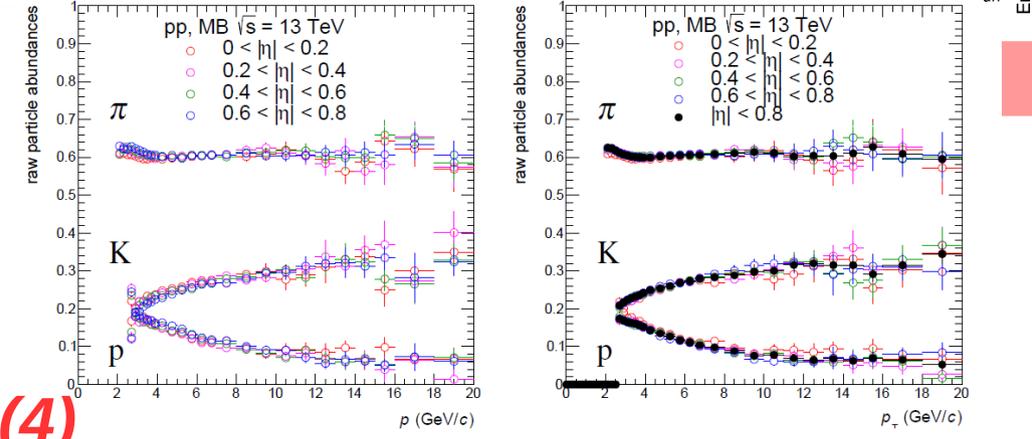
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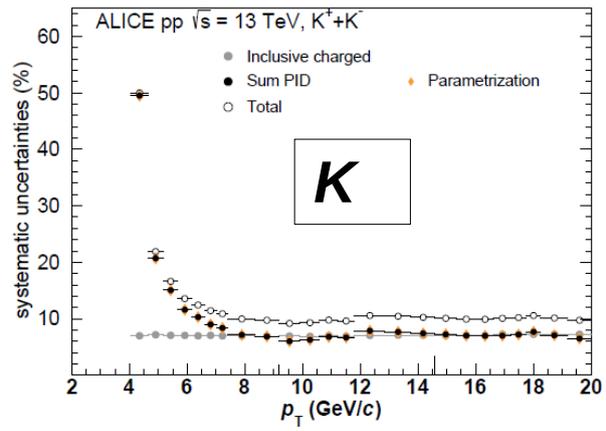
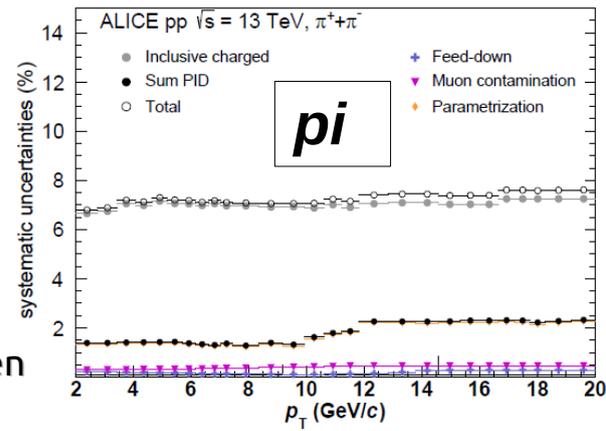
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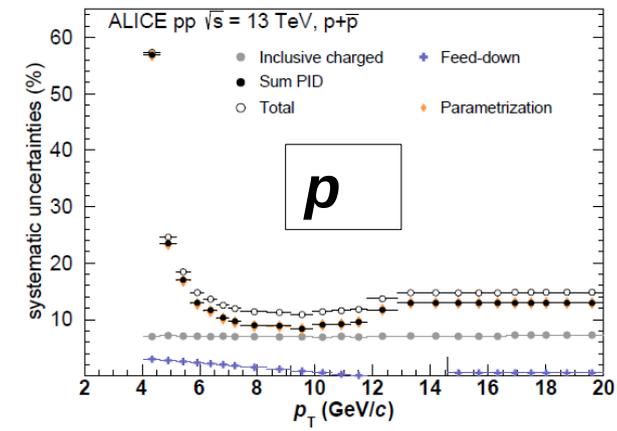
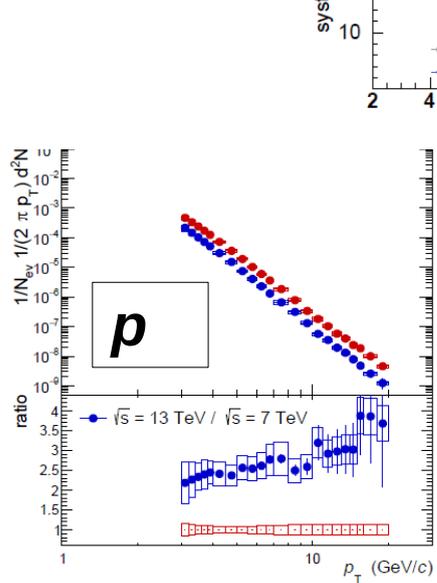
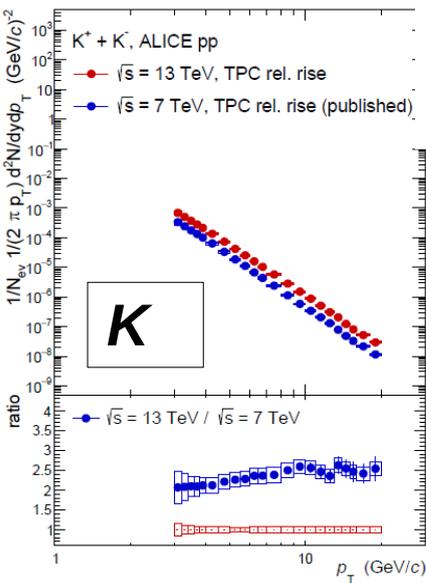
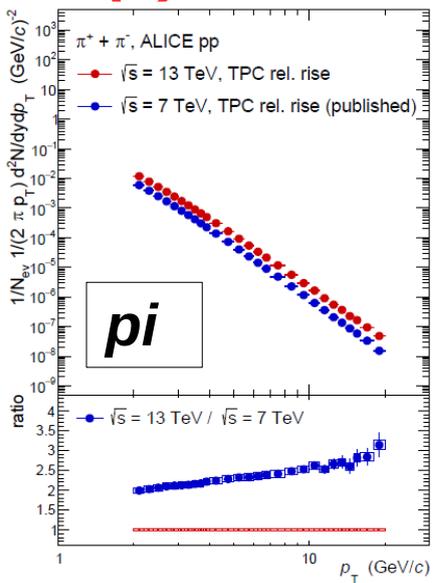
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**(6) Main sources of systematic uncert.**

- Main contributions (due to tracking) are taken over from charged analysis
- Systematics due to feed down
- Systematics due to efficiencies and muon contamination

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# TPC – Multi Template Fit

- Generate dE/dx Templates
- Fit to measured dE/dx distribution used to extract the particle fraction
- Main sources of systematic uncert.: secondaries, muon contamination, PID

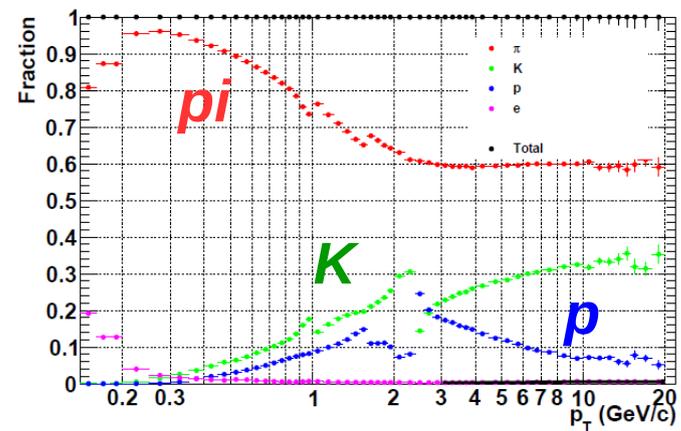


Fig. 78: Uncorrected and unregularized fractions obtained with the TPC MTF. The crossing regions are clearly visible due to the "jumping" behavior of the fit:  $\pi$ -K at 1 GeV,  $\pi$ -p at  $\approx 1.6$  GeV and the very problematic crossing K-p at  $\approx 2.4$  GeV

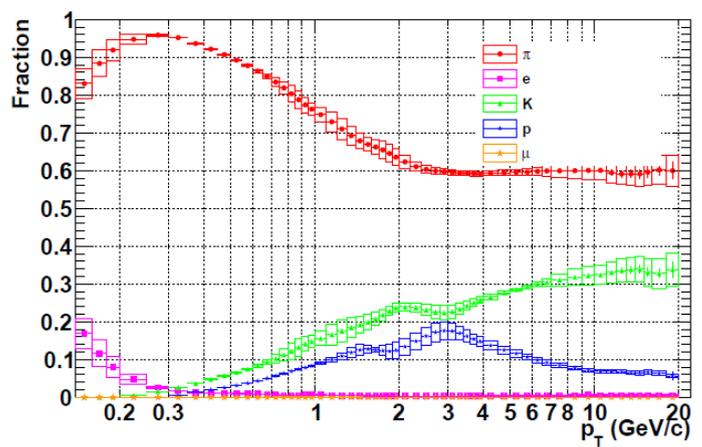


Fig. 79: The effect of the regularisation: In comparison to 78, the crossing regions are smoothed. The systematic uncertainties are added and are, as expected, large in the crossing regions

Restricted ranges in the combination with other analyses:

- Pi: 0.25 - 3.0 GeV/c**
- K: 0.30 - 5.25 && 0.675 - 3.0 GeV/c**
- P: 0.45 - 1.05 && 2.10 - 3.0 GeV/c**

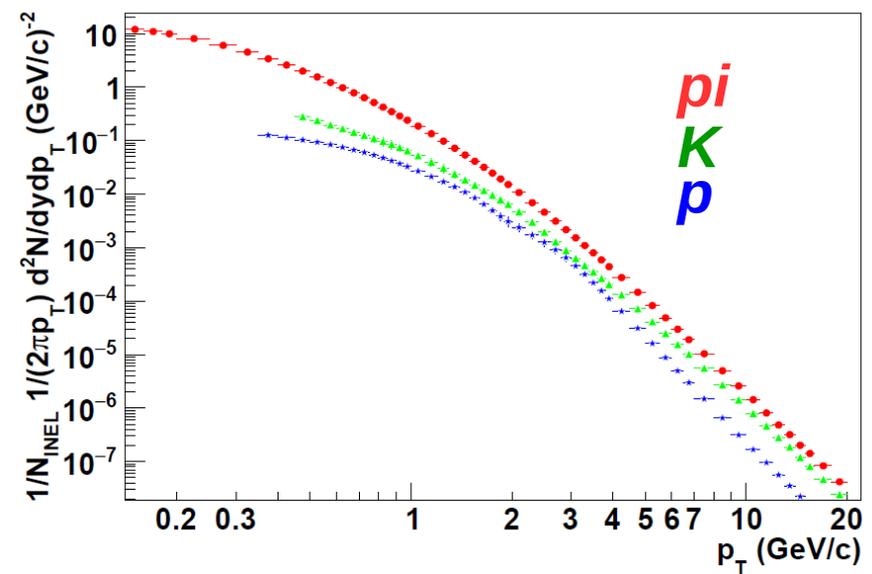
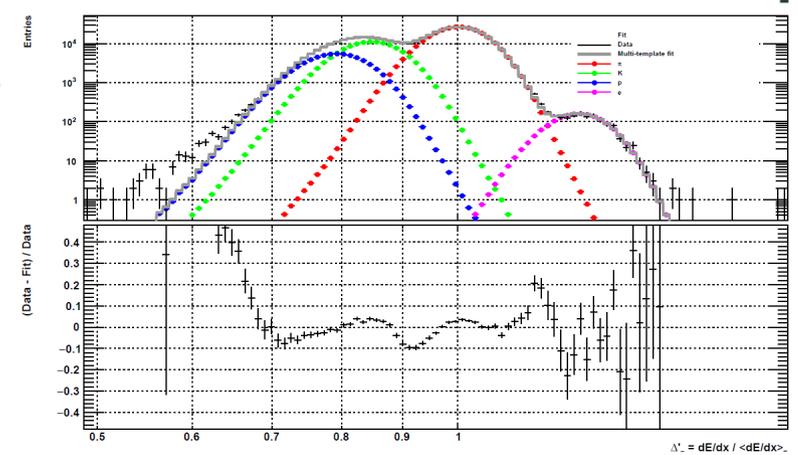
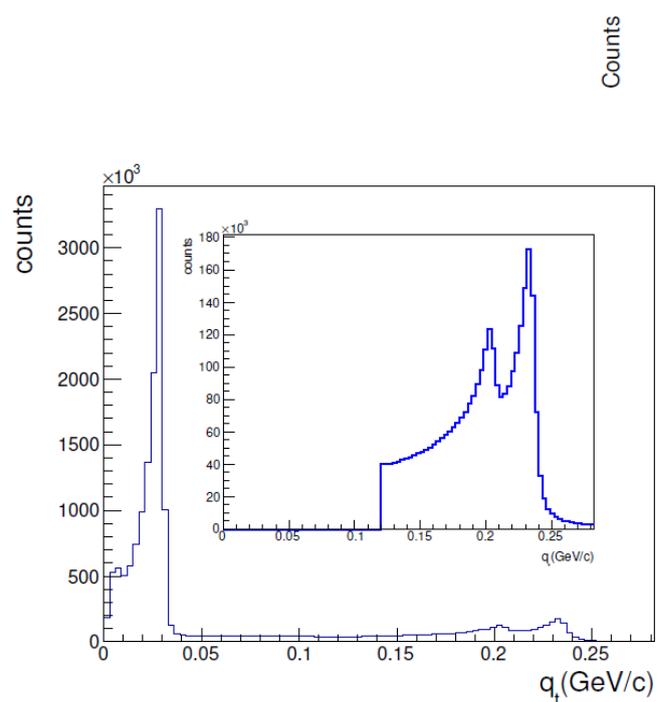


Fig. 77: Spectra obtained with the TPC MTF for  $\pi$  (red), kaons (green) and protons (blue). Note: The result is (despite the axis title) not normalized to the number of inelastic events (INEL)

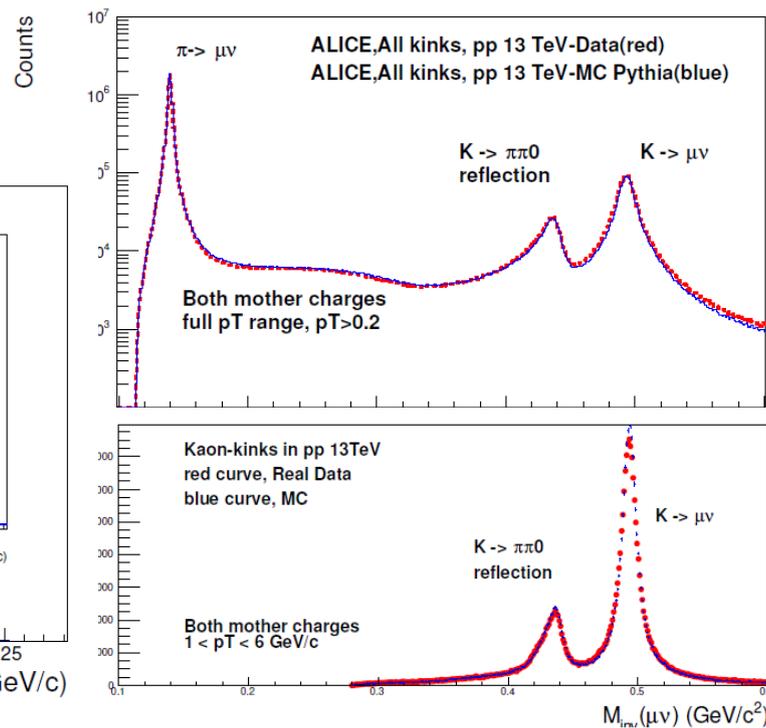


# Kinks

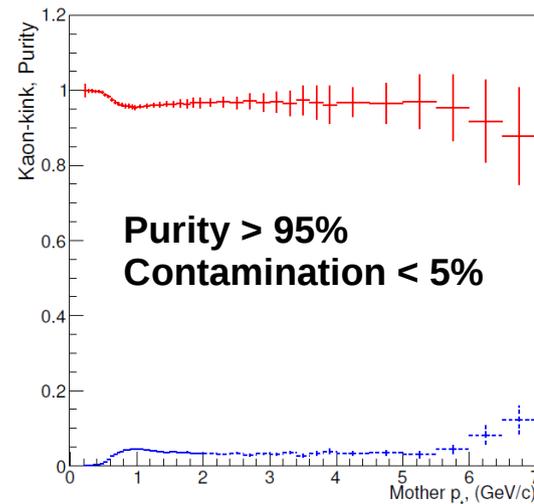
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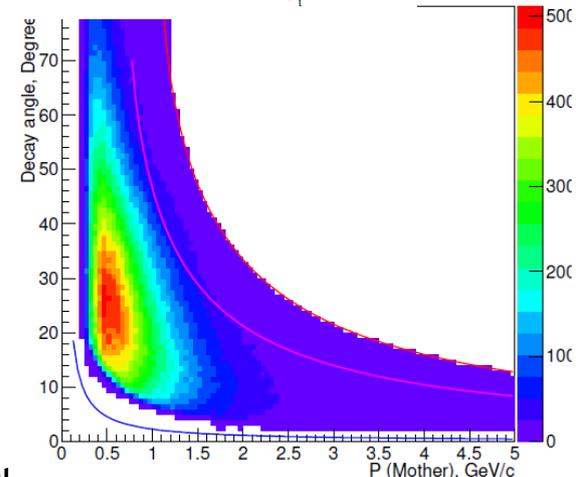
(1)



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(3)



- **The method of identification of kaons from kink topology is based on the kinematical properties of their two-body decay modes**
  - (1) The transverse momentum of the daughter with respect to the mother
  - (2) The invariant mass of the  $K \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu$  decay
  - (3) The decay angle of the kink v.s. mother's momentum



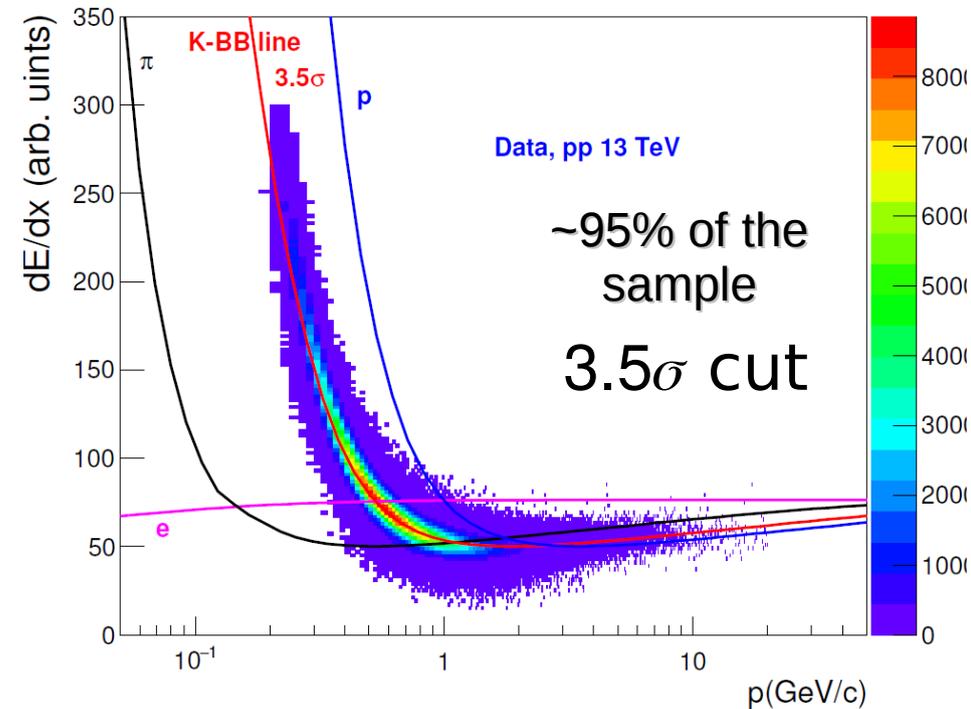
# Kinks



Kaons are identified using their weak decays (kink topology) inside the TPC

**Table 4:** Selection criteria for the kaons from kink topology

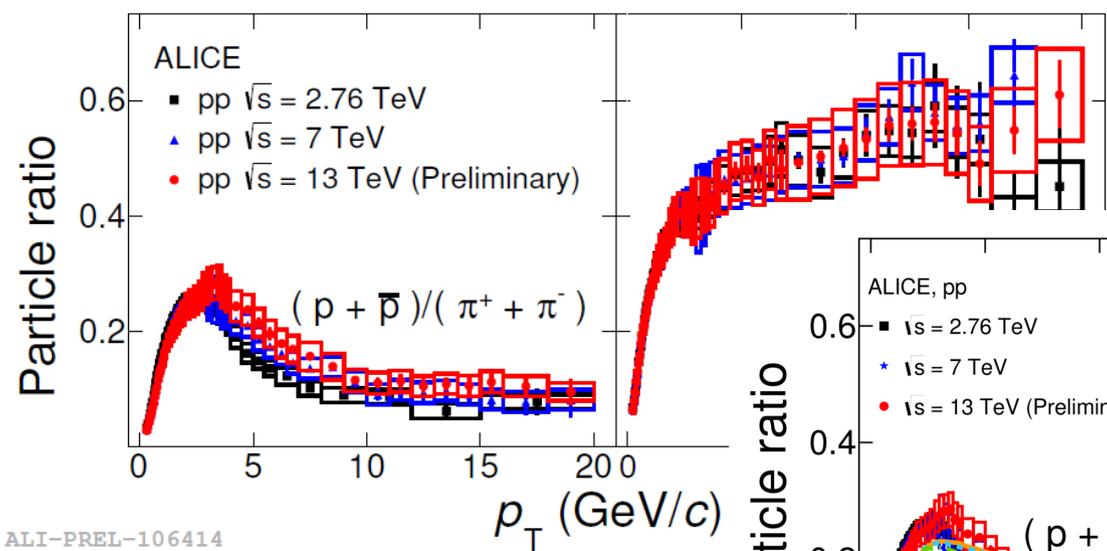
Primary tracks in each event
Main vertex from global(PrimaryVertexTracks) or SPD tracks with contributors $>0$ TPCrefit, ITSrefit
Ratio $(\text{Chi}2/\text{Number of Clusters}) < 4.0$
Kink tracks, mother tracks of "selected" kaons
Kink decay angle $> 2$ degrees
kink vertex inside 120-210 cm radius (XY plane) (TPC volume)
$ y(K)  < 0.5$
$p_t > 200$ MeV/c
$q_t > 120$ MeV/c
Invariant mass of $M(\mu\nu_\mu) < 0.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
Maximum decay angle selection as a function of mother's momentum, Fig. 3)
Tails of the plot(e. g. kink-Radius, Number of Clusters, Fig. 5) are removed



- **Main sources of systematic uncert.**
  - Event and track selection → varying kink and track selection cuts
  - Contamination of fake kinks
  - Kink reconstruction efficiency
  - Material budget

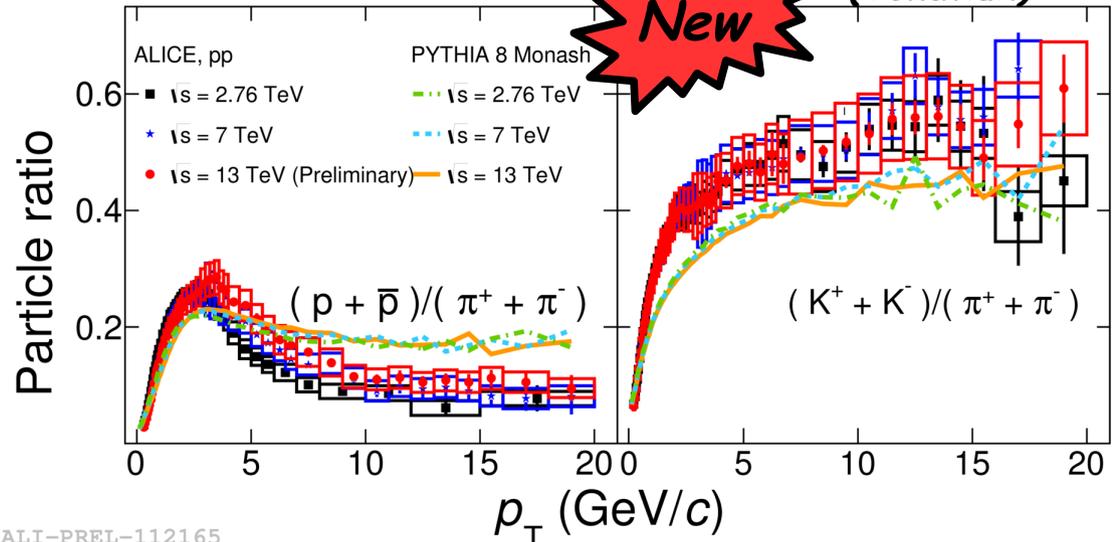


# $\pi / K / p$ production – Preliminary Results



Energy dependence of particle ratios

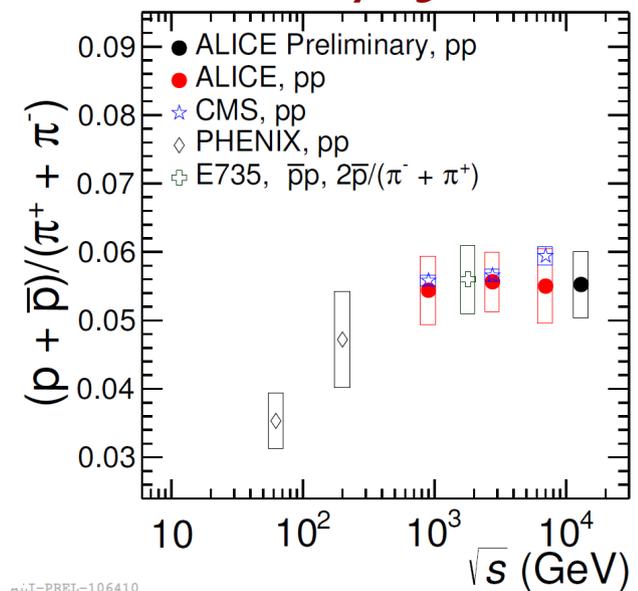
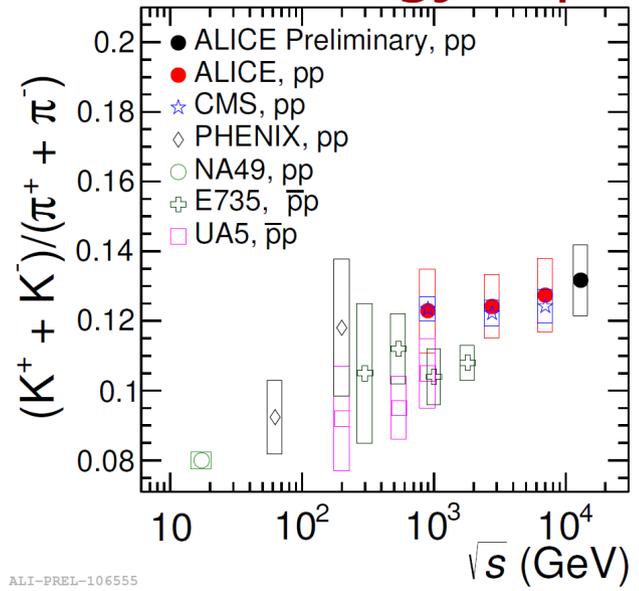
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$dN/dy$  and mean  $p_T$

Particle	$dN/dy$	$\langle p_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)
$\pi^+ + \pi^-$	$6.584 \pm 0.401$	$0.487 \pm 0.010$
$K^+ + K^-$	$0.867 \pm 0.042$	$0.807 \pm 0.010$
$p + pbar$	$0.364 \pm 0.023$	$0.967 \pm 0.015$

Energy dependence of  $dN/dy$  ratios





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# Strange and multi-strange baryon production



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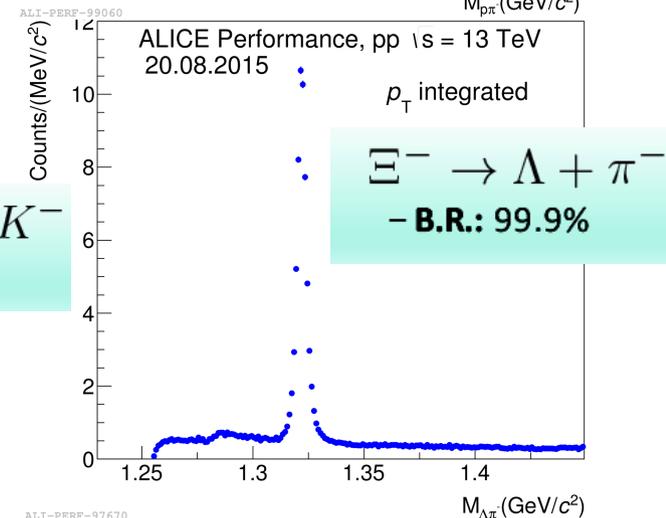
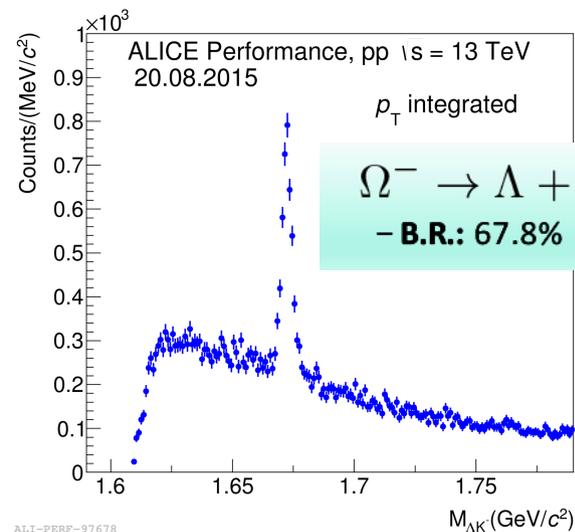
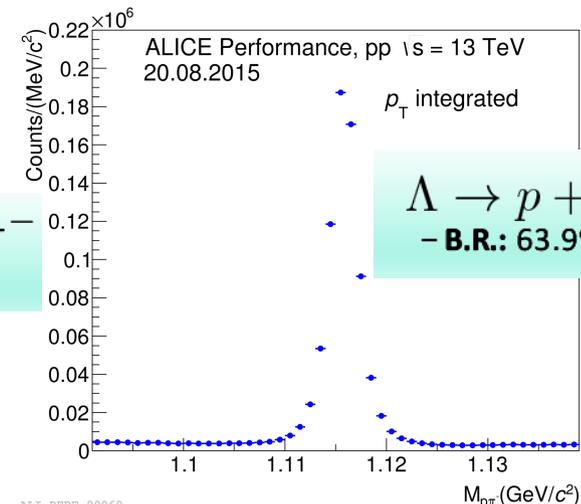
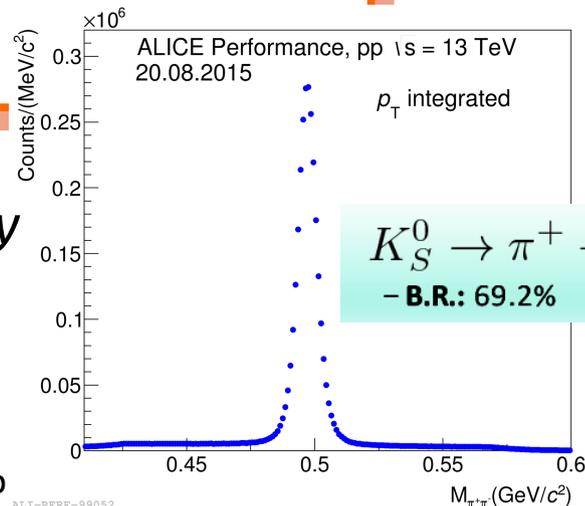
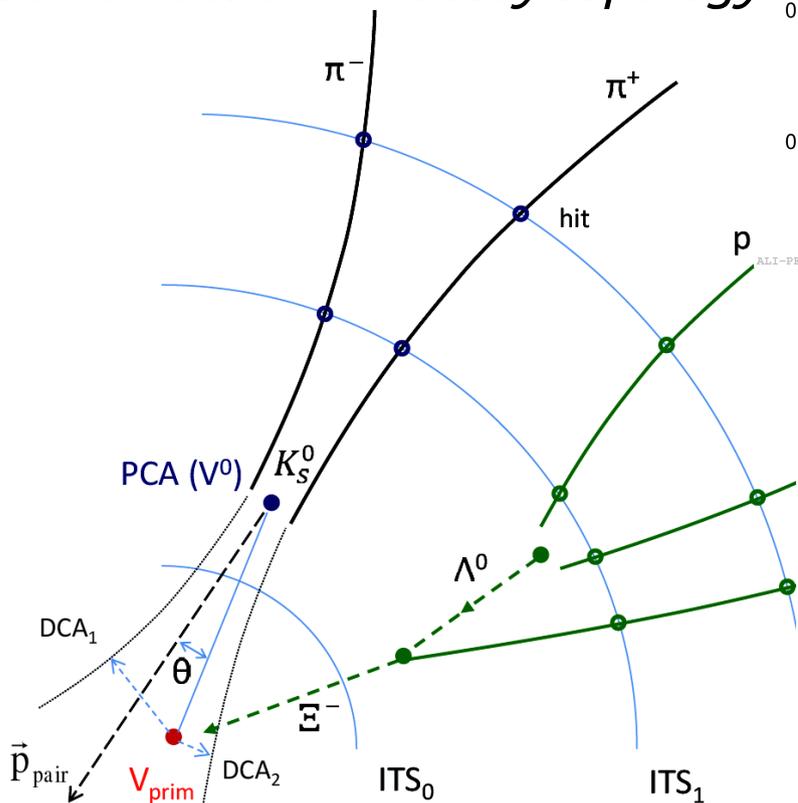
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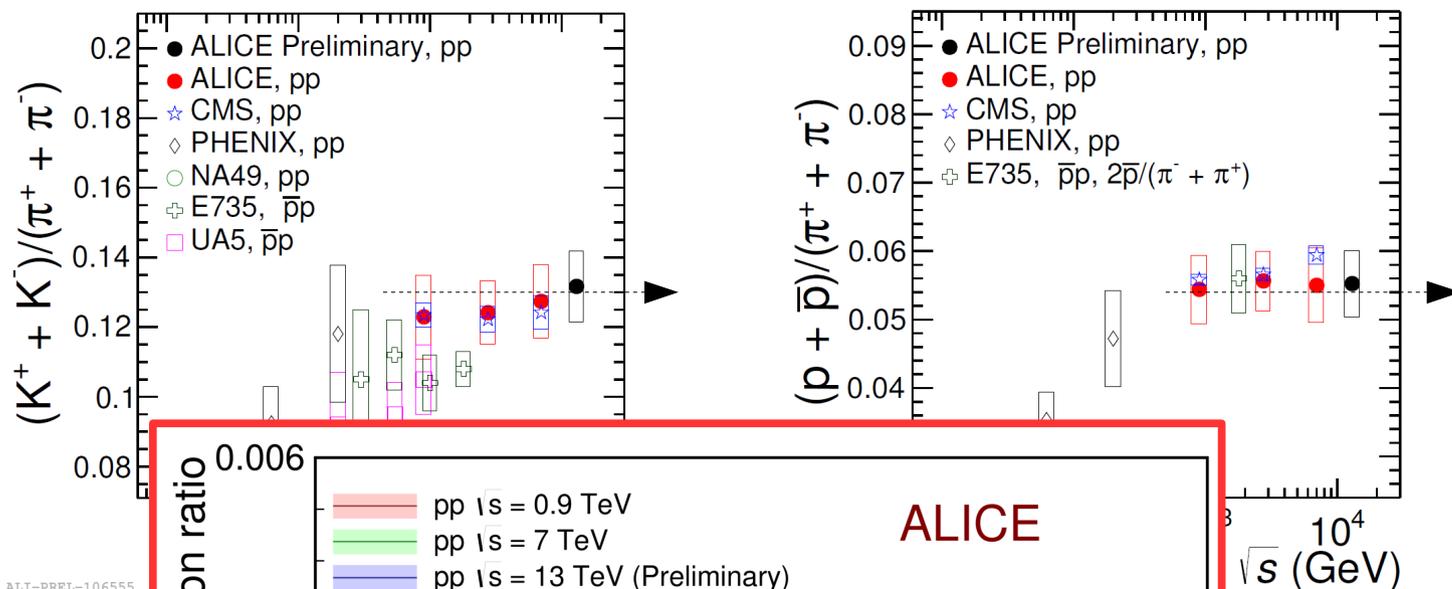
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reconstruction via decay topology*

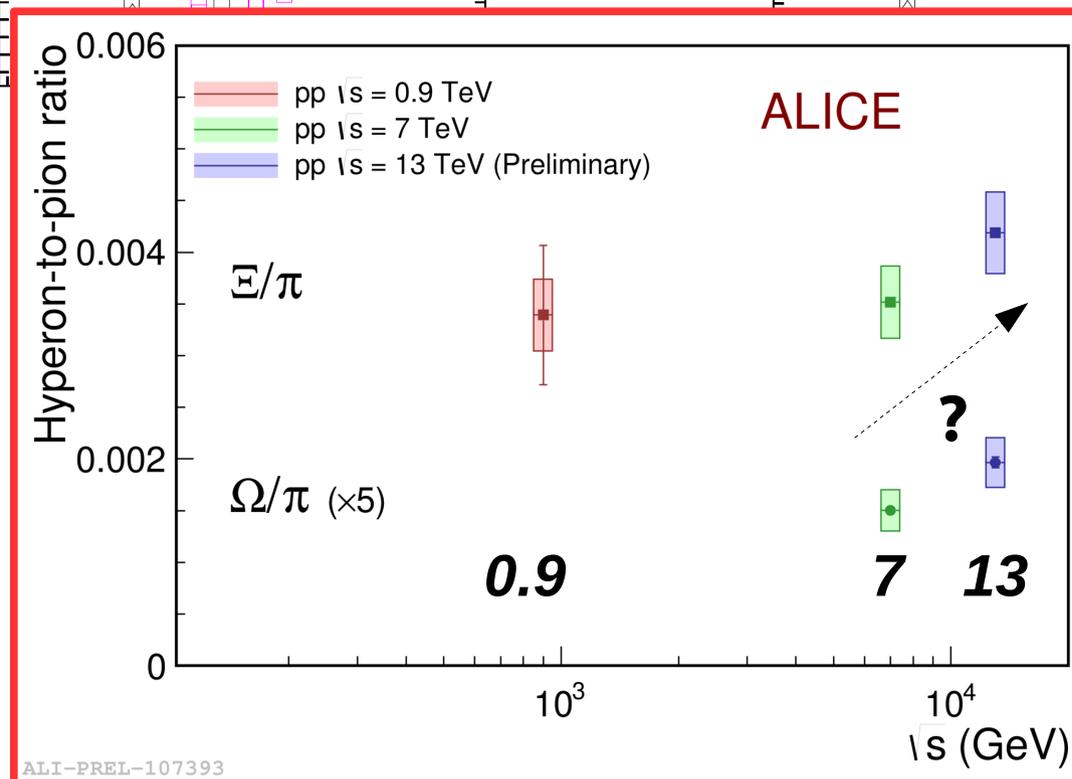


# Strange and multi-strange baryon production

## – Preliminary Results



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### Hyperon-to-pion ratios:

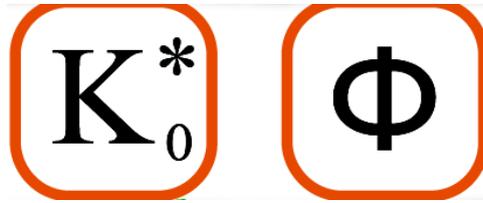
- Slightly increased at 13 TeV
- Is it due to higher  $\sqrt{s}$  or  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$ ?

*(to be further investigated in the multiplicity dependence studies in pp at 13 TeV)*



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# $\Phi(1020)$ and $K^{*0}(892)$ production

Analysis Crew:

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- Invariant mass analysis reconstruction the decay daughters

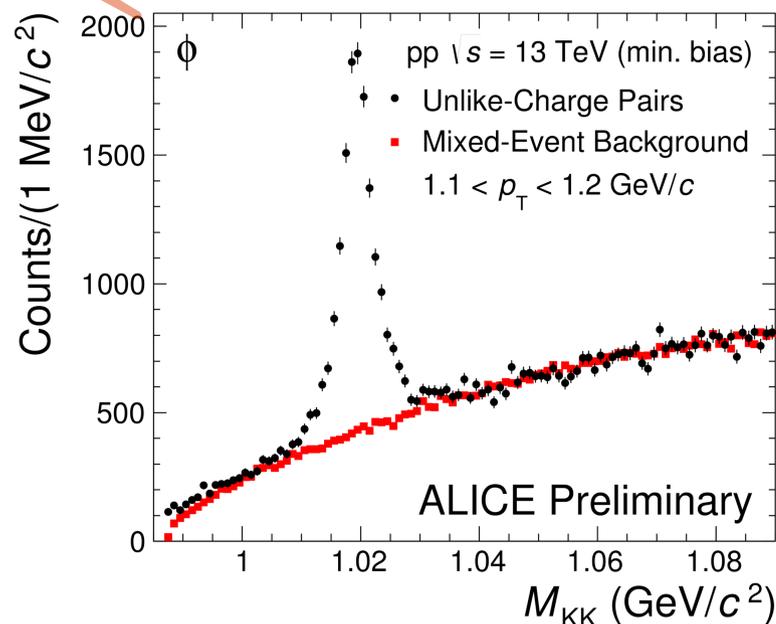
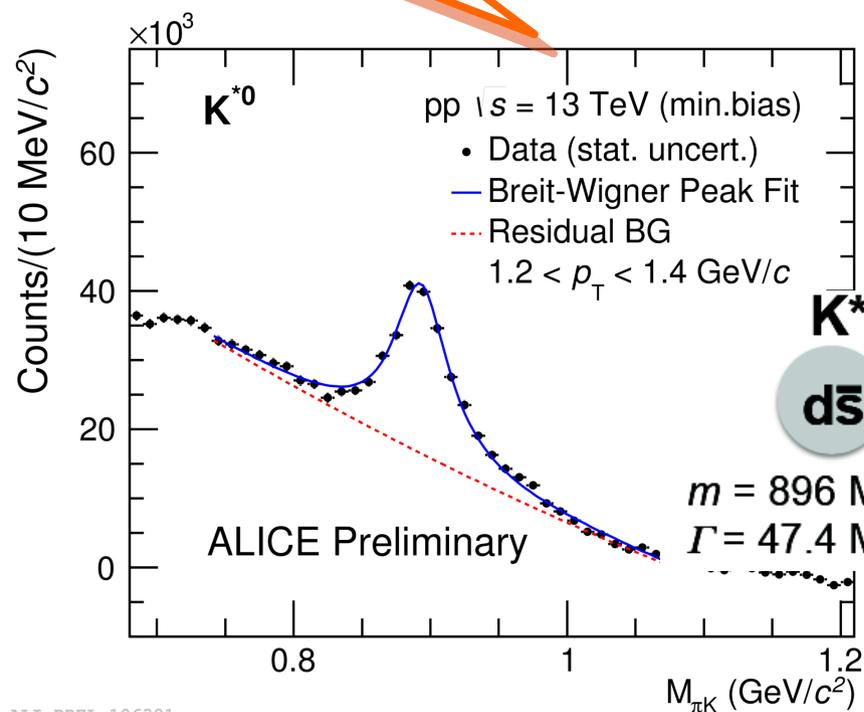
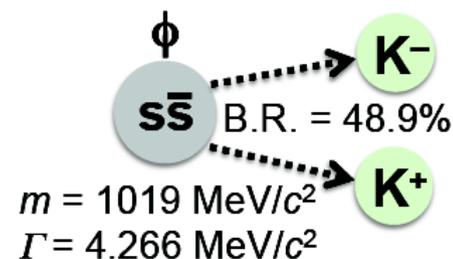
Analysis Crew:

Sourav Kundu

- Combinatorial background estimated with mixed event technique and subtracted
- Breit-Wigner/Voigtian fit to extract resonance yield

More details →

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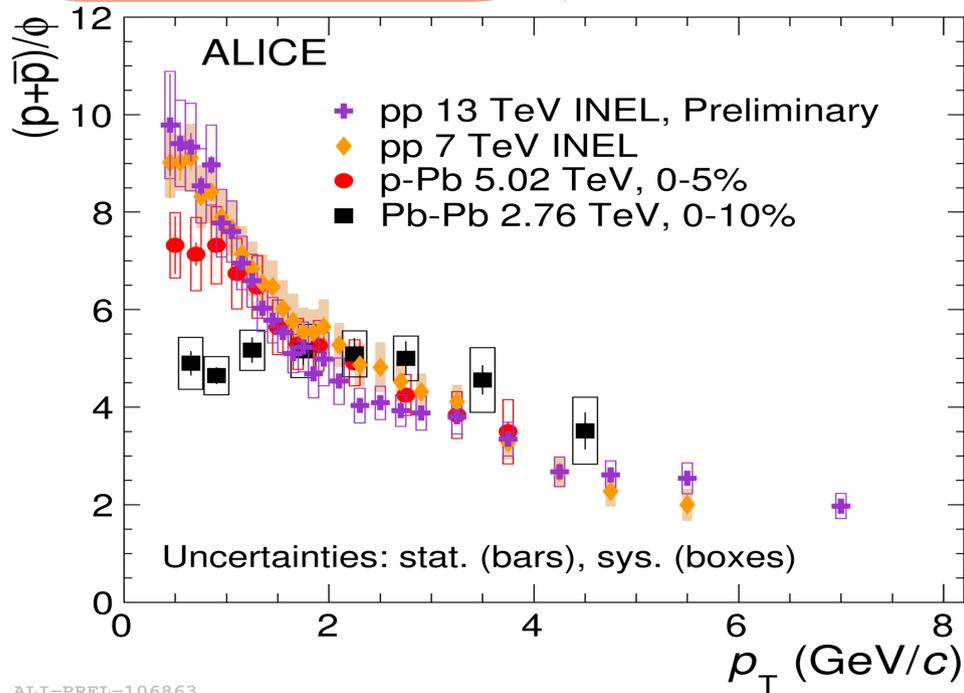


# $\Phi$ production – Preliminary Results



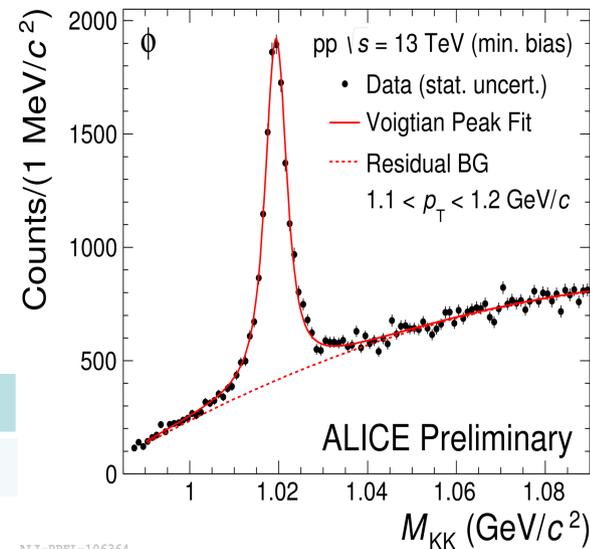
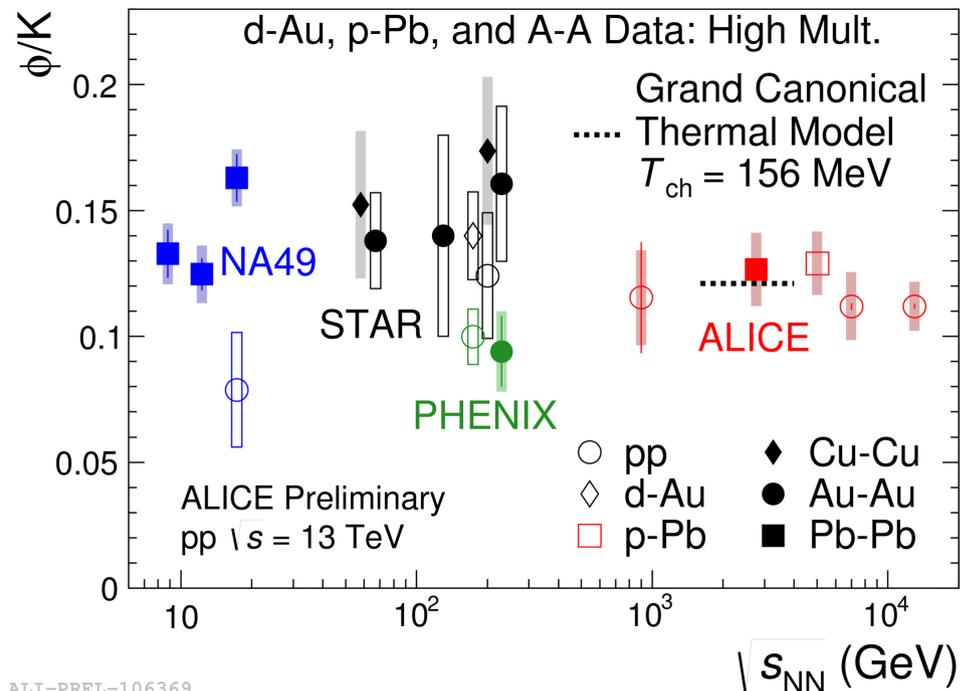
Analysis Crew:

Anders Knospe



Particle	dN/dy	$\langle p_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)
$\phi$	$0.0485 \pm 0.0004 \pm 0.0035$	$1.241 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.031$

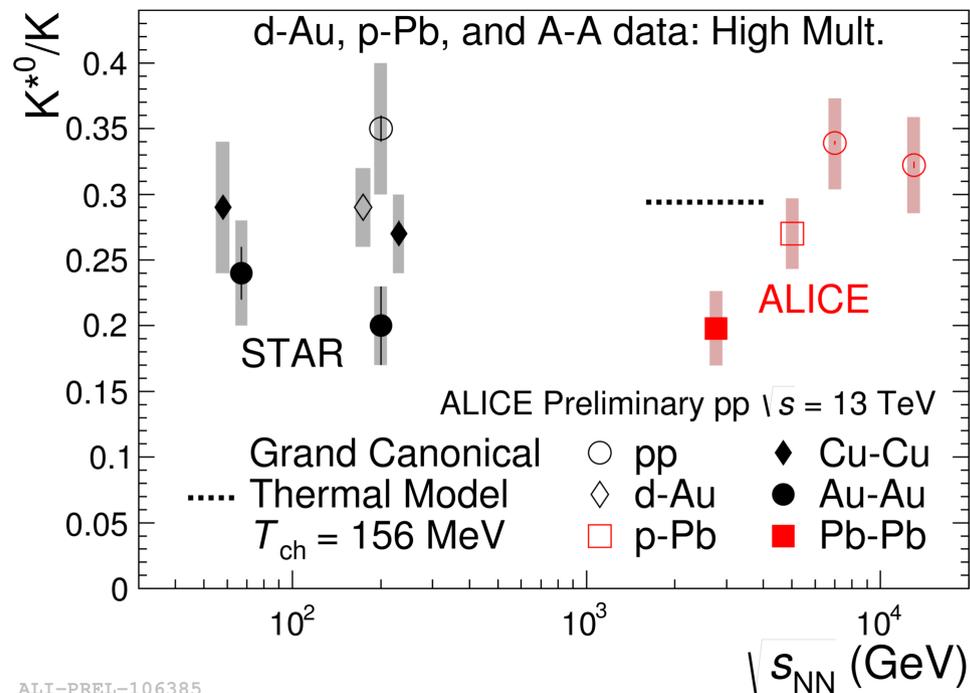
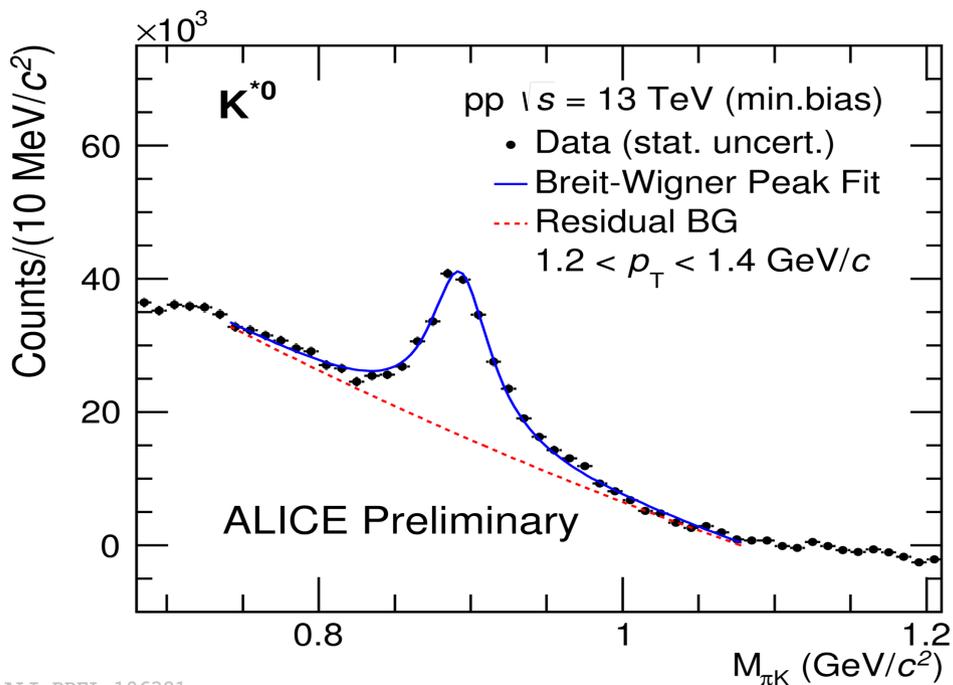
	X/ $\pi$	X/K	X/p
$\phi$	$0.0147 \pm 0.0001 \pm 0.0014$	$0.1119 \pm 0.0010 \pm 0.0097$	$0.266 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.026$



# $K^{*0}$ production – Preliminary Results

**Analysis Crew:**

**Sourav Kundu**



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Particle	dN/dy	$\langle p_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)
$K^{*0}$	$0.1397 \pm 0.0010 \pm 0.0144$	$1.124 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.032$

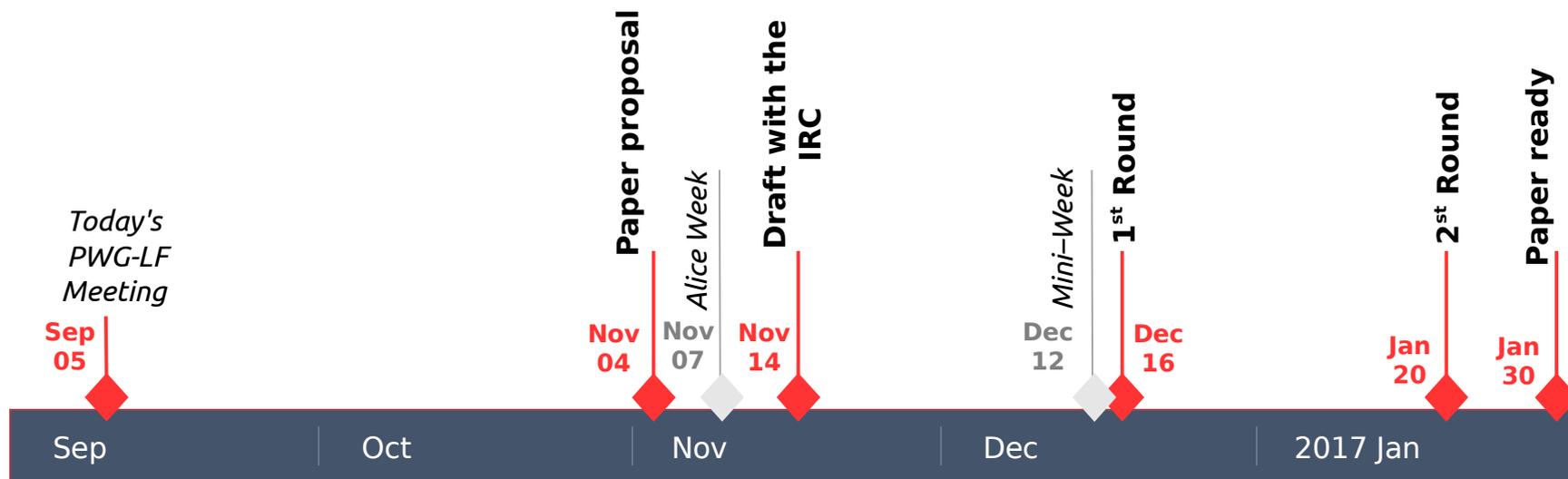
	X/ $\pi$	X/K	X/p
$K^{*0}$	$0.0424 \pm 0.0003 \pm 0.0051$	$0.322 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.037$	$0.768 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.093$

Thank you for your attention!

Backup slides



# Estimated Timeline



Finalization



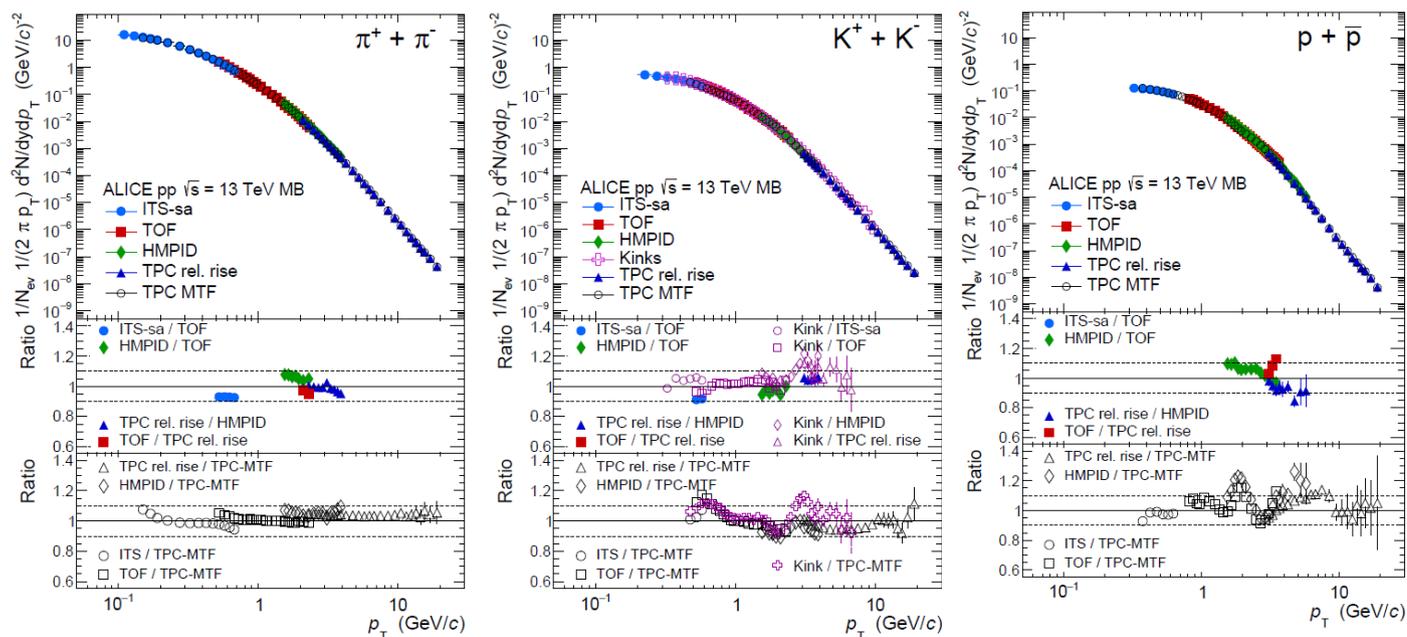
Paper preparation



Paper writing

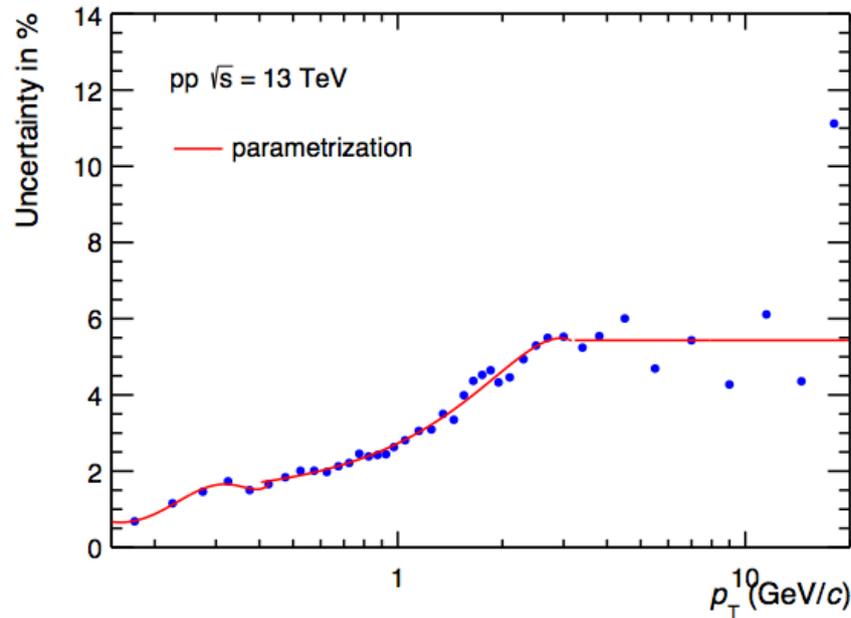


# Comparison and combination of the results



# Combined results

- Standard procedure is used as for previous analyses (e.g. for 7 TeV)
  - First step:
    - Weighted mean with inverse square of “non-common” systematic uncertainties
  - Second step:
    - Adding common uncertainties to the combined results (e.g. global tracking eff.,  $p_T$  dependent global tracking uncert.)



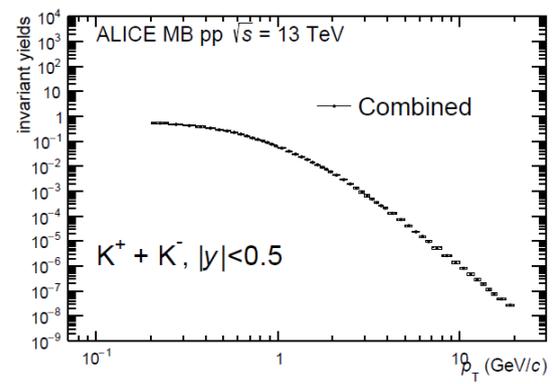
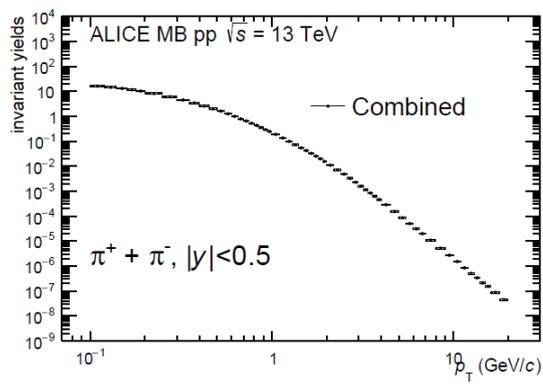
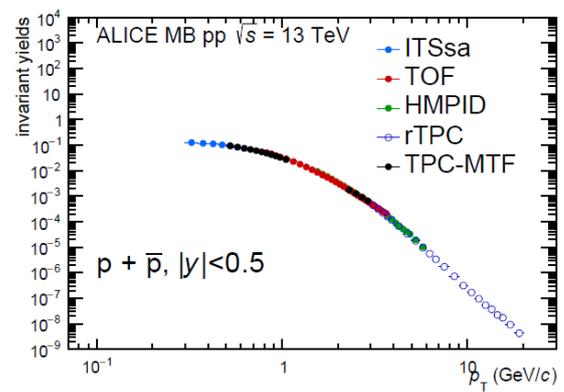
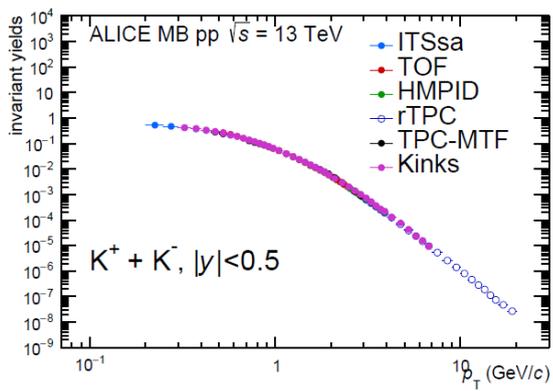
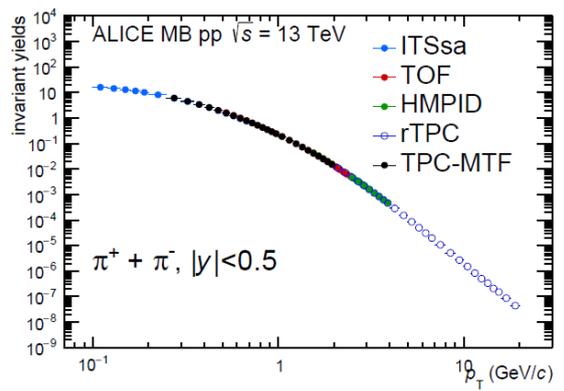
- $p_T$  ranges considered in the individual analyses
- TPC Multi Template Fit stops at 3 GeV/c and we excluded ranges of  $dE/dx$  crossing regions (visible as increased deviations to more reliable PID techniques)

Analysis	$\pi^+ + \pi^-$	$K^+ + K^-$	$p + \bar{p}$
ITS-sa	0.1 – 0.7	0.2 – 0.6	0.3 – 0.65
TOF	0.5 – 2.4	0.5 – 2.4	0.8 – 3.6
HMPID	1.5 – 4.0	1.5 – 4.0	1.5 – 6.0
Kinks	–	0.2 – 7.0 (10.0)*	–
TPC, Multi Template Fit	0.25 – 2.0	0.3 – 5.25; 6.75 – 3.0**	0.45 – 1.05; 2.10 – 3.0**
TPC rel. rise	2 – 20	3 – 20	3 – 20

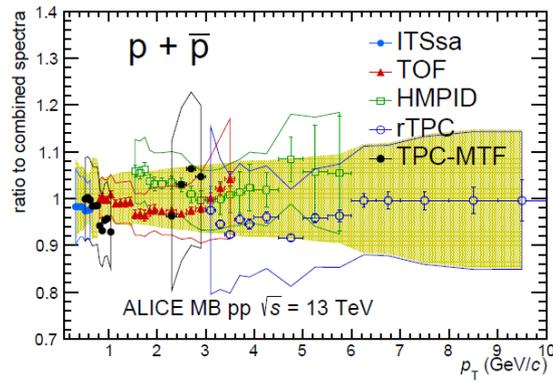
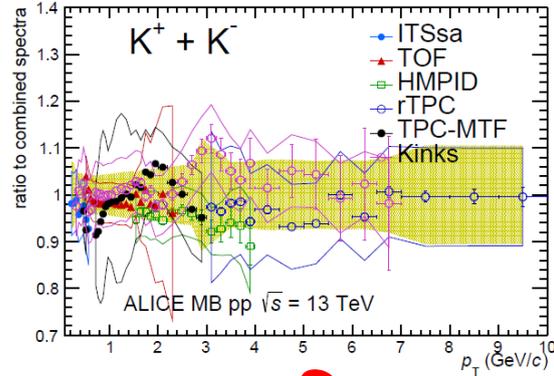
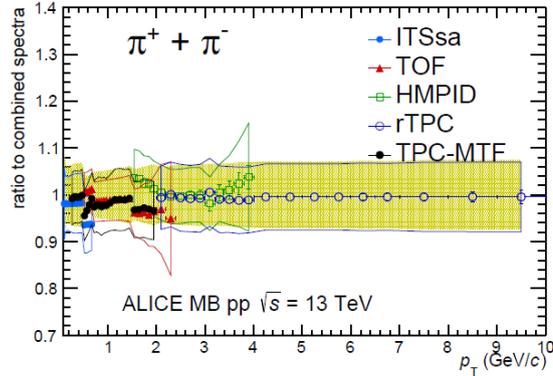
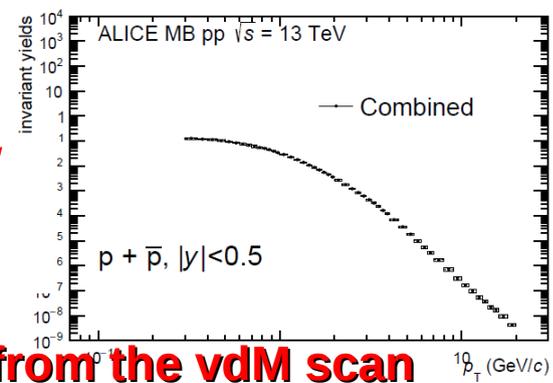
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\*\* Ranges in the  $dE/dx$  crossing regions were excluded.

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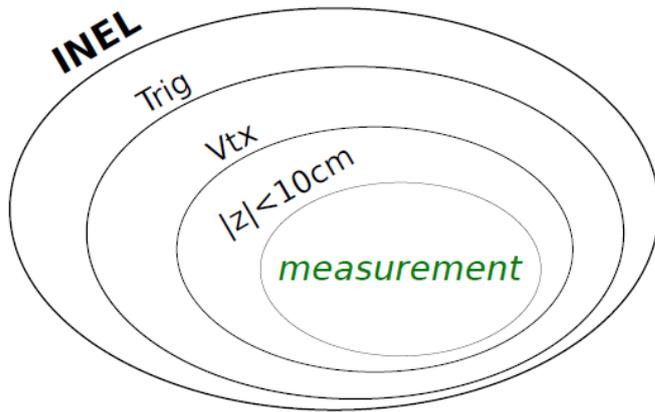
# (3) final combined results



(2) ratio to combined

Normalization to INEL is still missing – not available from the vdM scan

# Outlook – Some words about normalization



## (1) Data driven method

to relate the measured raw yield and the number of events after physics and vertex selection ( $Z_{vtx} < 10$  cm) to the number of INEL events

### Assumptions

- Signal loss due to the Z position of the reconstructed primary vertex are proportional to event loss.
- Trigger and vertex requirement only remove event which are empty in the measurement region at mid-rapidity.

$$N_{evt}^* = \frac{N_{PS} \times N_{vtx+|Z|<10}}{N_{vtx}}$$

$N_{PS}$  # events after trigger+physics selection

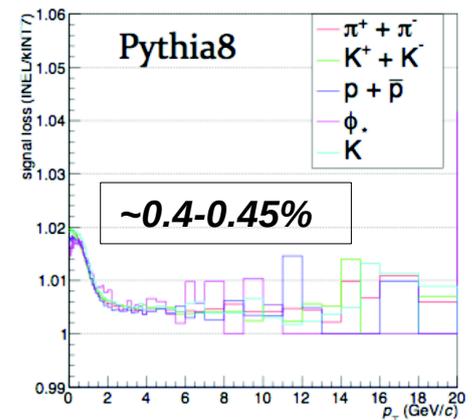
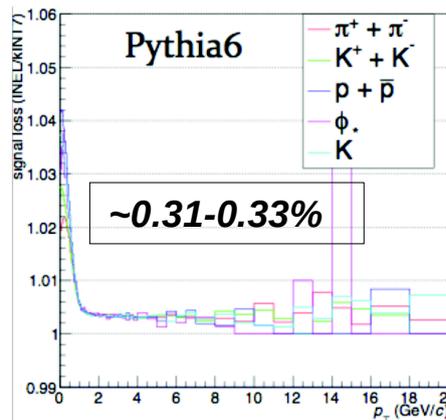
$N_{vtx}$  # events with a reconstructed primary vertex

$N_{vtx+|Z|<10}$  # events whose reconstructed primary vertex falls within  $|Z| < 10$  cm.

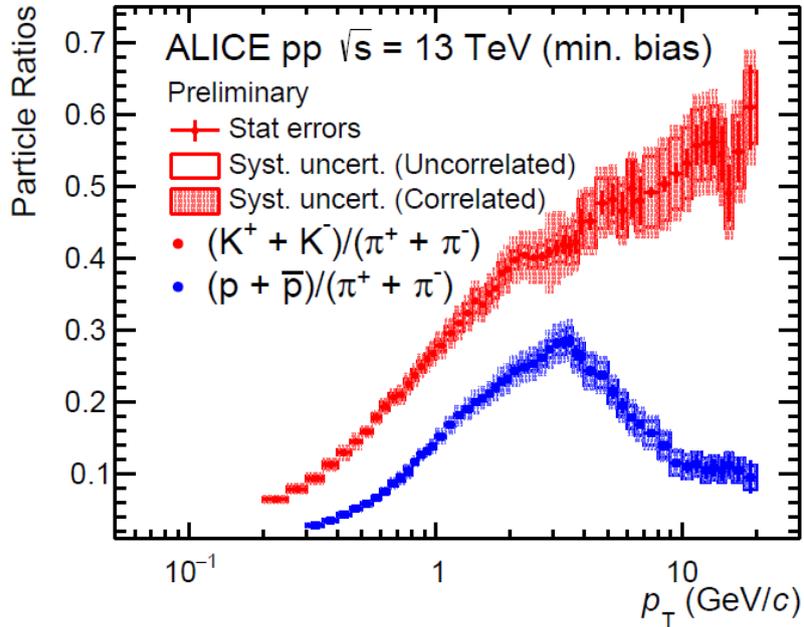
## (2) Correction to account the signal losses due to kINT7 trigger selection

Signal losses due to kINT7 selection were extracted by the ratio of generated primary particles (if relevant) in INEL events and after kINT7 trigger (including all additional physics selection)

- We added extra systematic uncertainties in quadrature to the total systematic uncertainties:
  - up to 1 GeV/c by considering the computed values
  - $p_T > 1$  GeV/c we used a constant value taken from the last bin [0.95,1.0] GeV/c



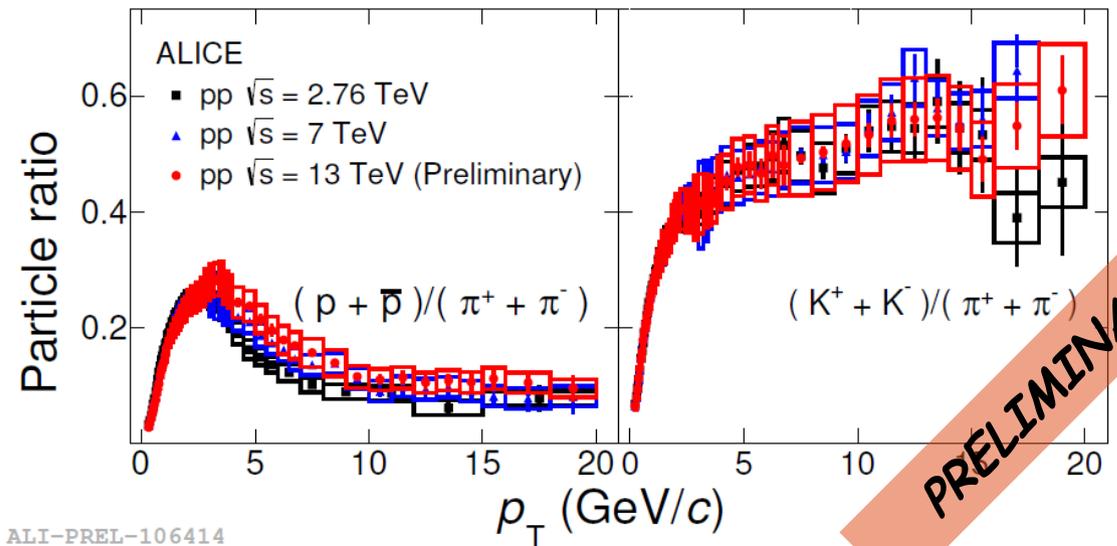
# Particle ratios



- **Correlated (fully propagated from combined spectra)**
- **Uncorrelated (obtained from the combination of particle ratios)**

*Correlated one is used for PRELIMINARY results*

## Energy dependence of the particle ratios

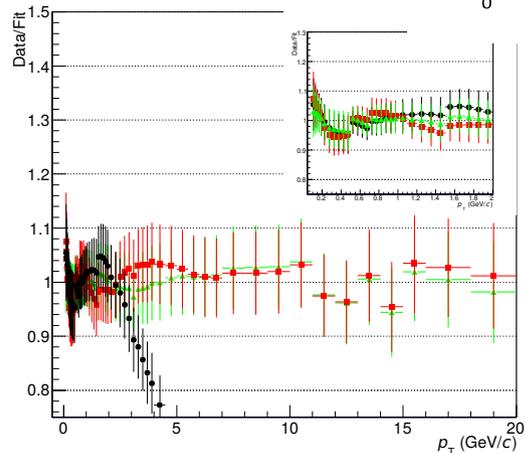
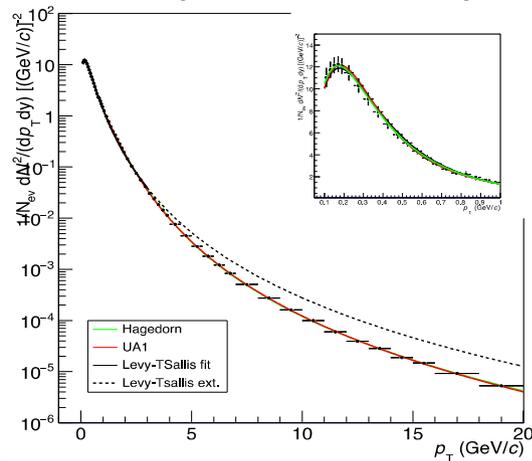


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- **Maximum of p/pi ratio shifts to higher  $p_T$  values with increasing  $\sqrt{s}$**
- **Not observed for K/pi ratio**

# Extraction of $dN/dy$ and mean $p_T$

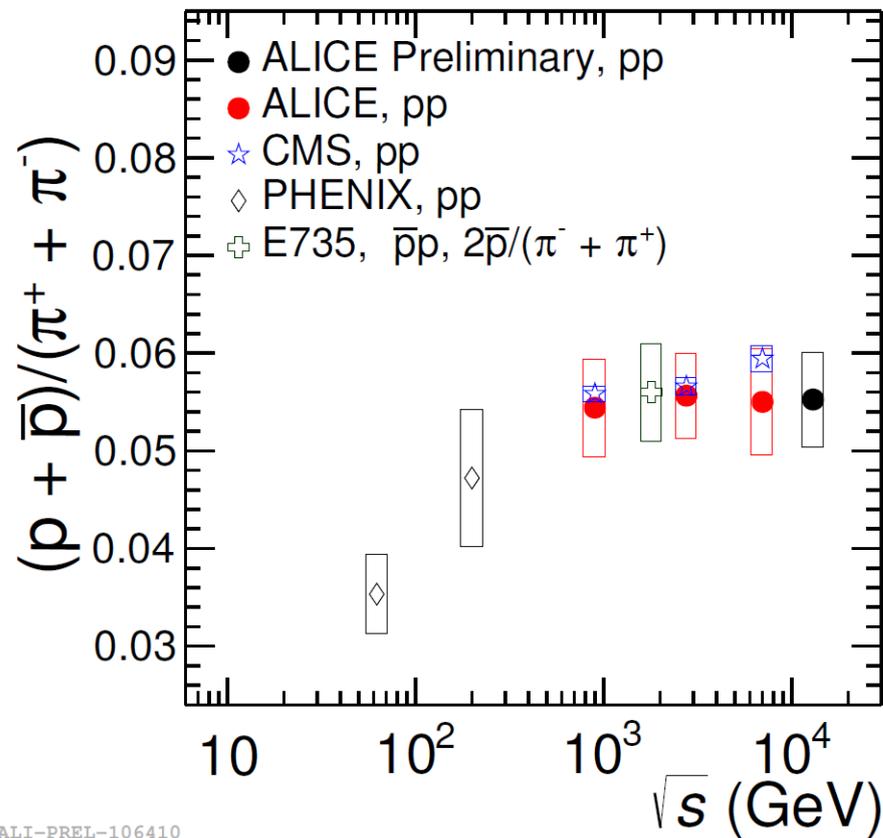
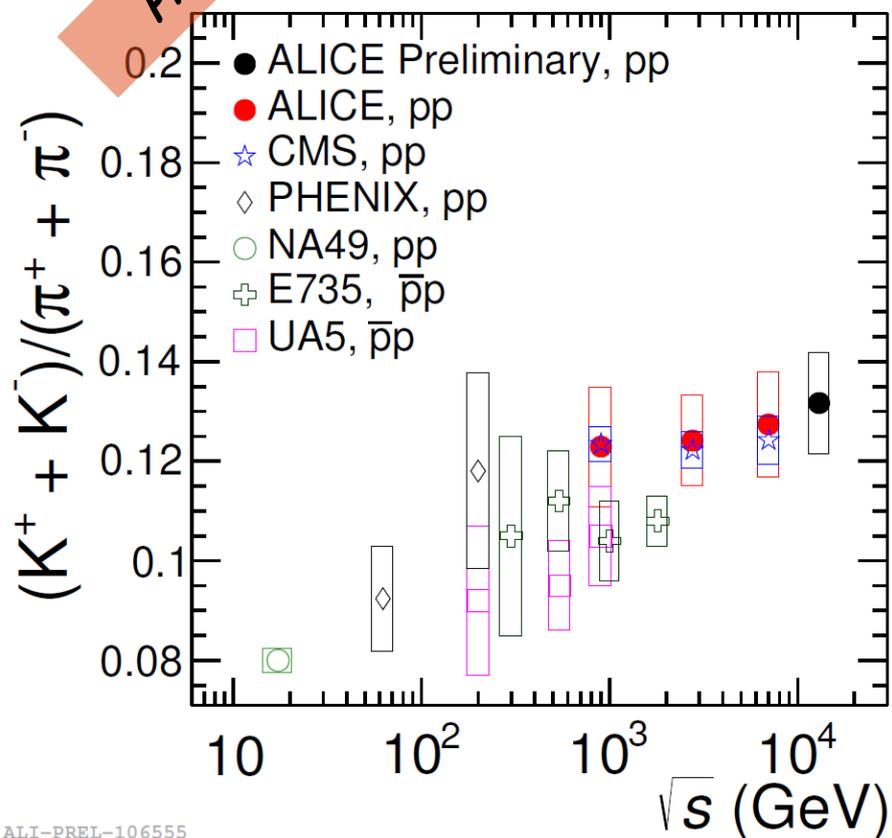
- $dN/dy$  is calculated using PWGLF/SPECTRA/YieldMean.C
- Pions are fitted in  $p_T$  range 0-3 GeV/c
- Combined spectra are fitted (using total uncertainties) by Levy-Tsallis
- Fit results are used to extrapolate ( $p_T$  0-20 GeV/c as proxy for 0-infinity)
- Statistical and systematic uncertainties of data points were taken into account
- Extrapolation uncertainty is estimated by comparing fits done by UA1 and modified Hagedorn functions



Particle	$dN/dy$	$\langle p_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)	$\chi^2/ndf$	L. pt (GeV/c)	Extr. (%)
$\pi^+ + \pi^-$	$6.584 \pm 0.401$	$0.487 \pm 0.010$	0.3	0.1	9.3
$K^+ + K^-$	$0.867 \pm 0.042$	$0.807 \pm 0.010$	0.3	0.2	9.4
$p + \bar{p}$	$0.364 \pm 0.023$	$0.967 \pm 0.015$	0.8	0.3	11.3

Errors are the combination of statistical (**negligible**) and systematic uncertainties.

# dN/dy ratios



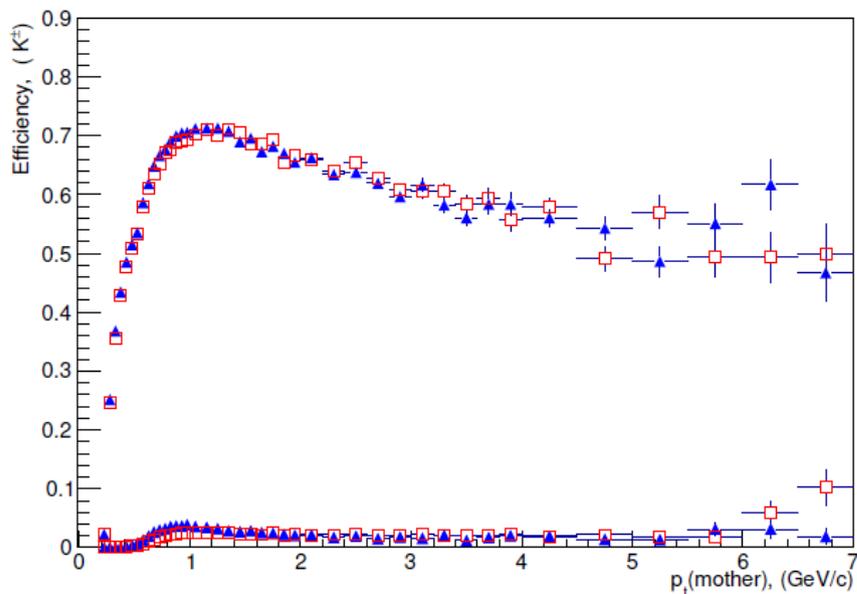
saturation for  $\sqrt{s} > 900$  GeV

$p/\pi$  ratio remains constant

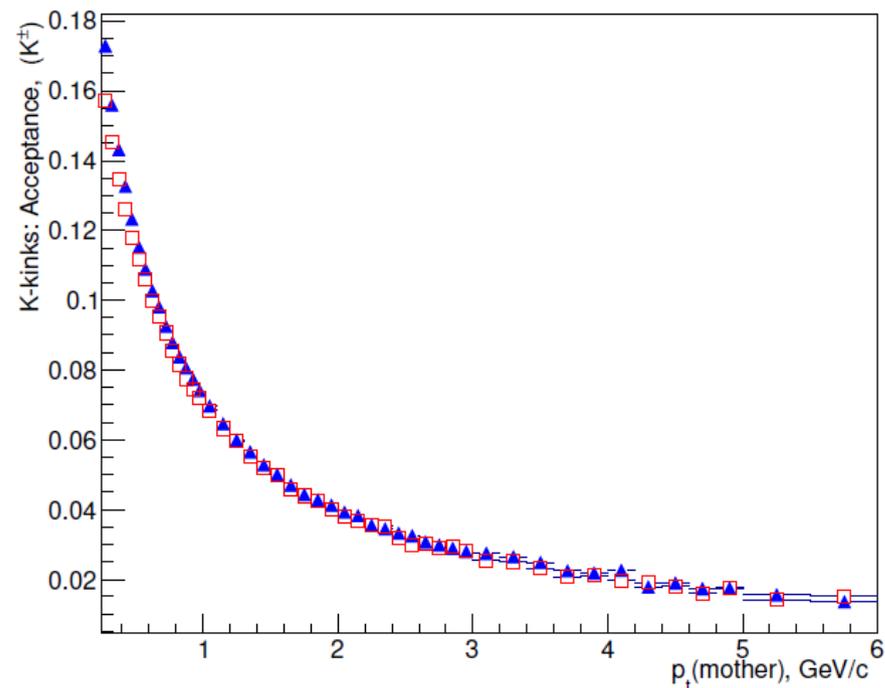
$K/\pi$  ratio possible hint to increase at higher  $\sqrt{s}$  (no significant within syst.)

# Kinks

Kaons are identified using their weak decays (kink topology) inside the TPC



**Fig. 62:** MC simulation for 13 TeV pp collisions. The efficiency of 'reconstructed and identified' kaons from kinks as a function of the  $p_t$  (mother), separately for  $K^+$  (blue full-triangles) and  $K^-$  (red open-squares), is shown. The lower curves correspond to the background efficiencies.

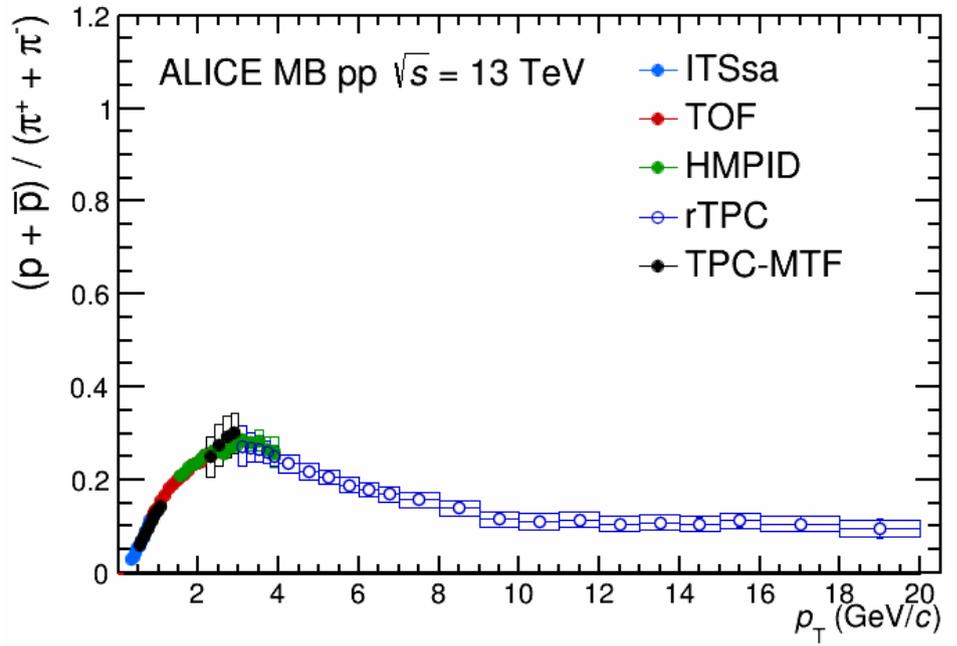
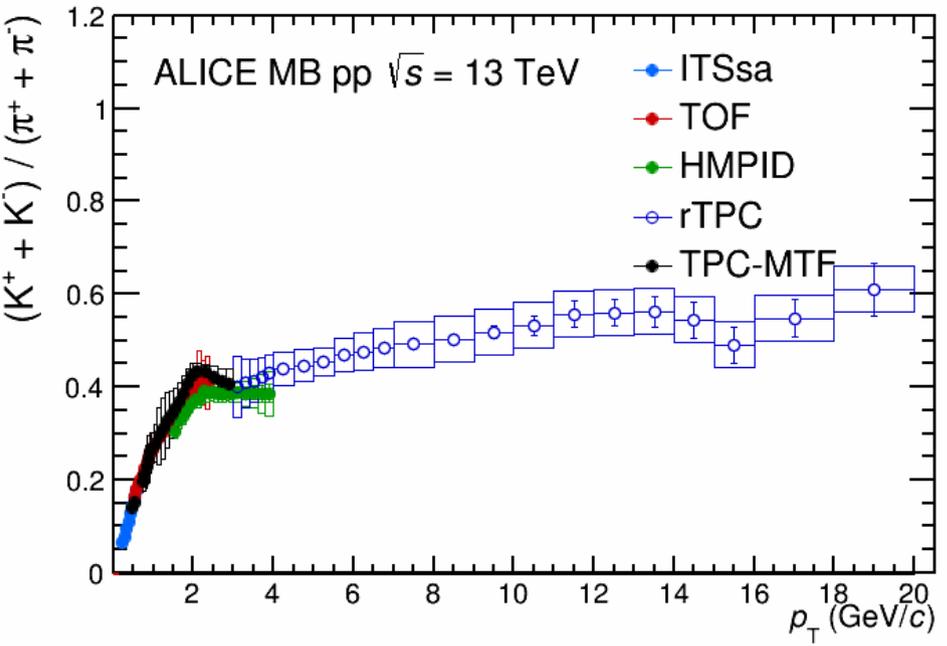


**Fig. 63:** MC simulation for 13 TeV pp collisions. The Acceptance and absorption correction factor of kaons decaying into  $K \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu$  or  $K \rightarrow \pi + \pi^0$  or  $K \rightarrow e + \dots$ , as a function of the  $p_t$  (mother) separately for  $K^+$  (blue full-triangles) and  $K^-$  (red open-squares), is shown.



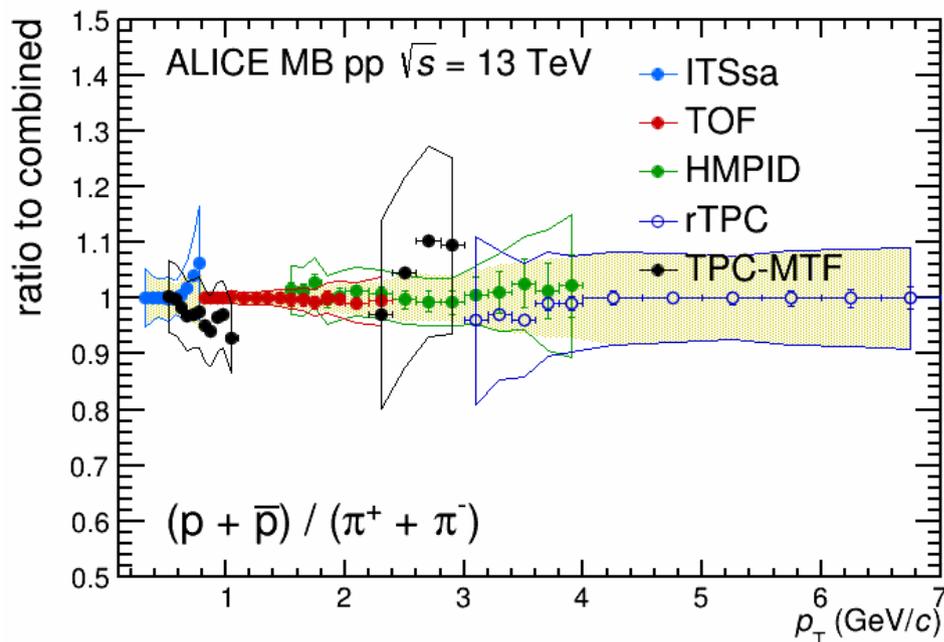
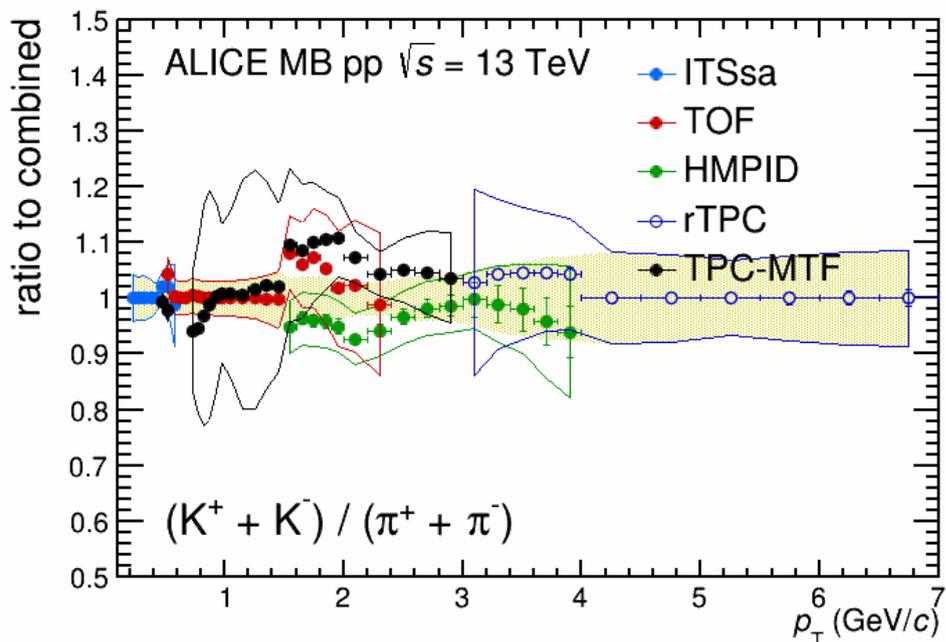
# Combined results

## Particle ratios – Individual analyses



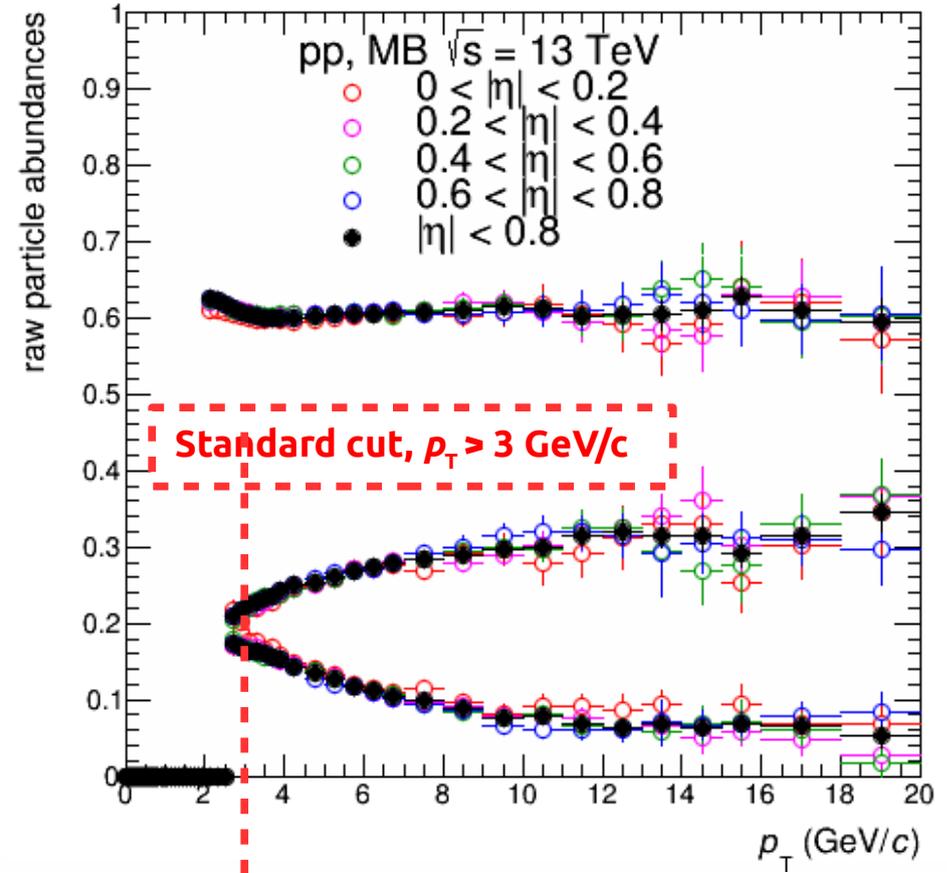
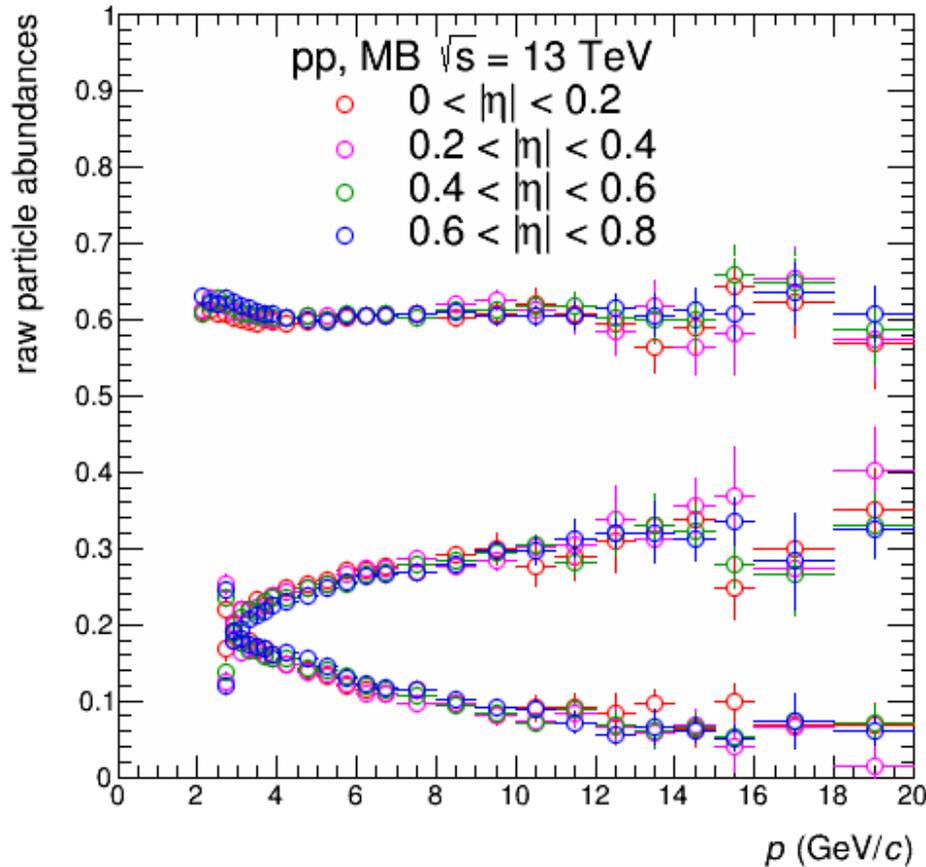
# Combined results

Particle ratios – Individual analyses to combined



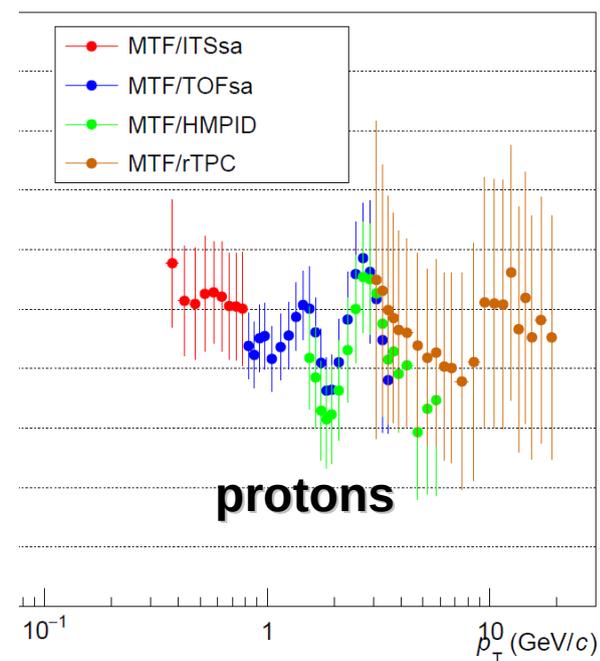
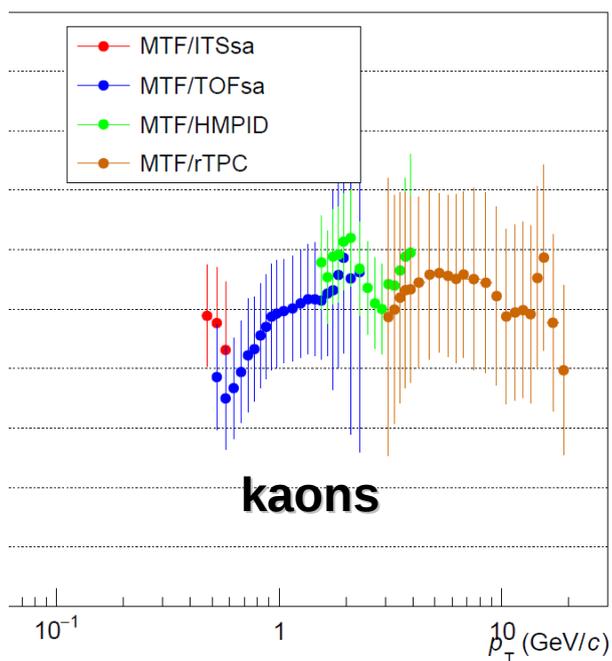
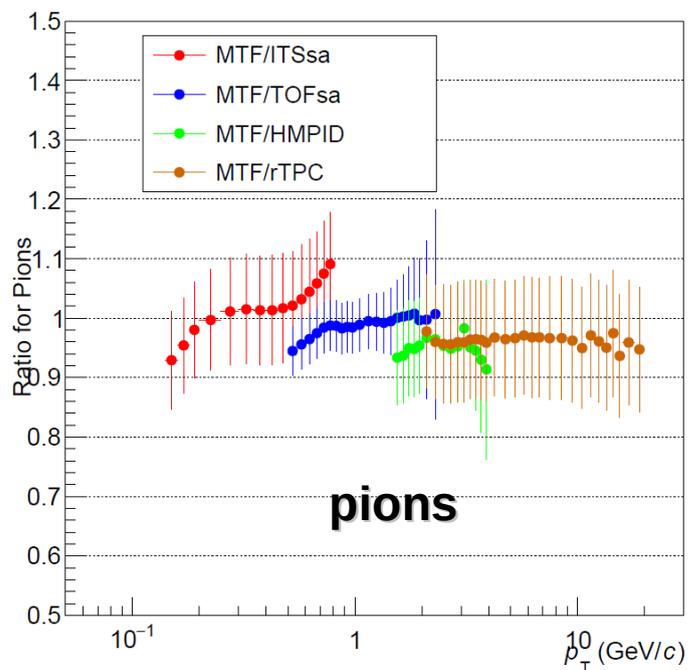
# TPC rel. rise analysis

## Particle fractions vs. $p$ and $p_T$

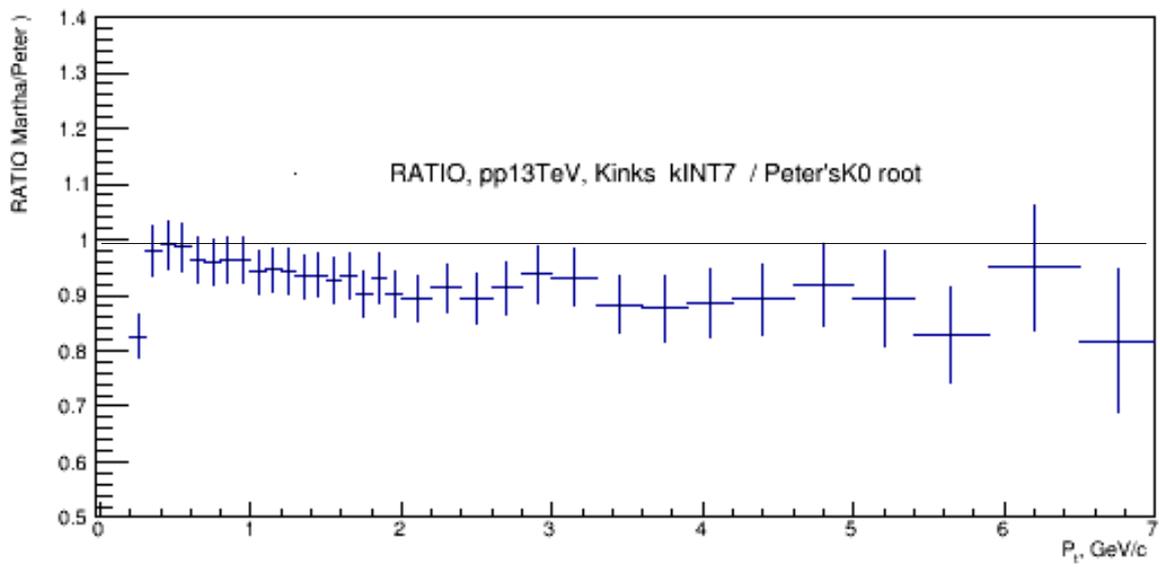
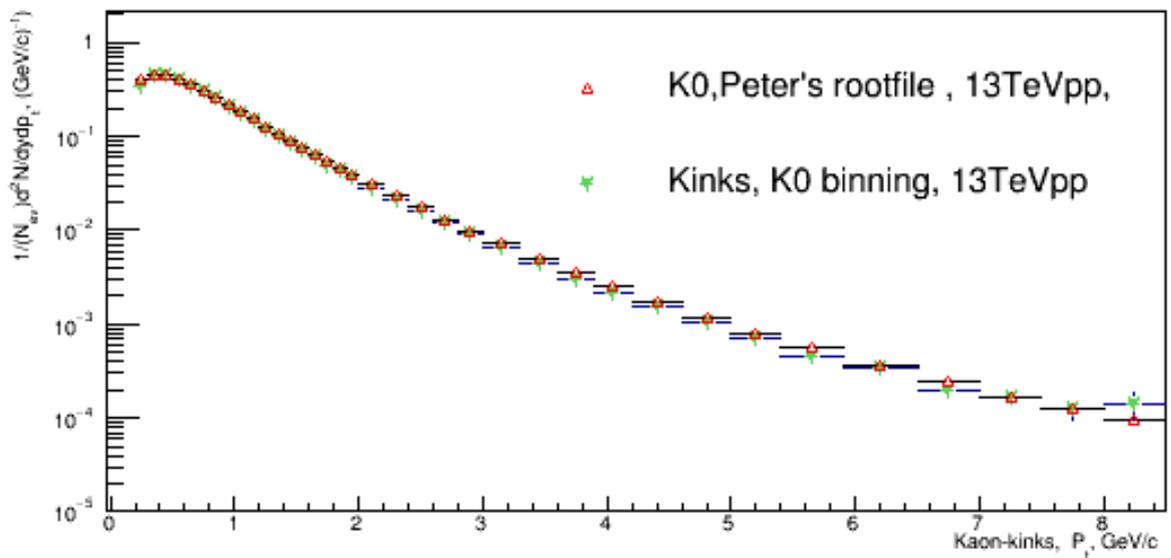


We have tried to go down to 2.6 GeV/c for kaons and protons, but the systematic uncertainties are quite large  $\rightarrow$  keep  $p_T = 3$  GeV/c cut (K,p)

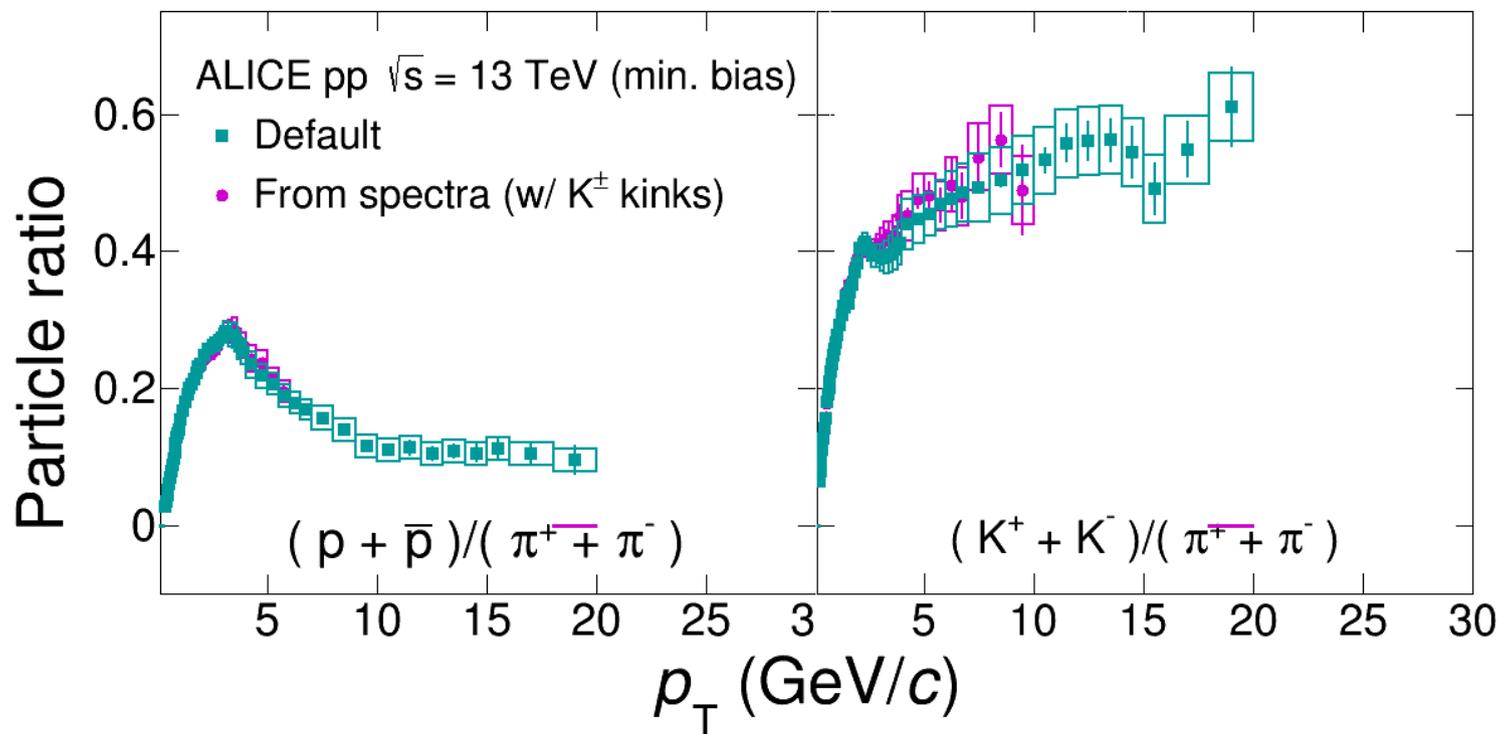
# Comparison of TPC Multi Template Fit to other analyses



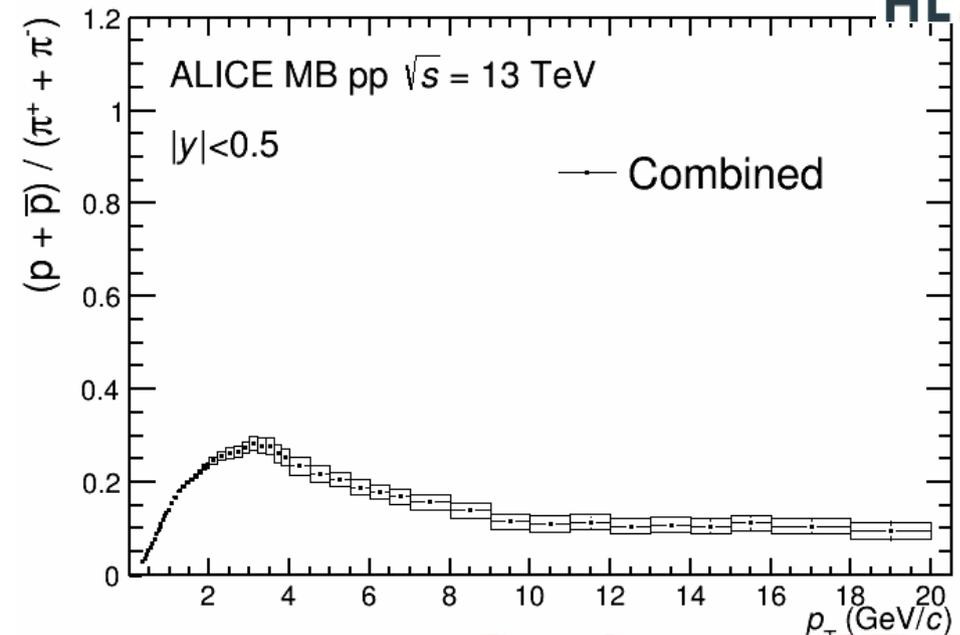
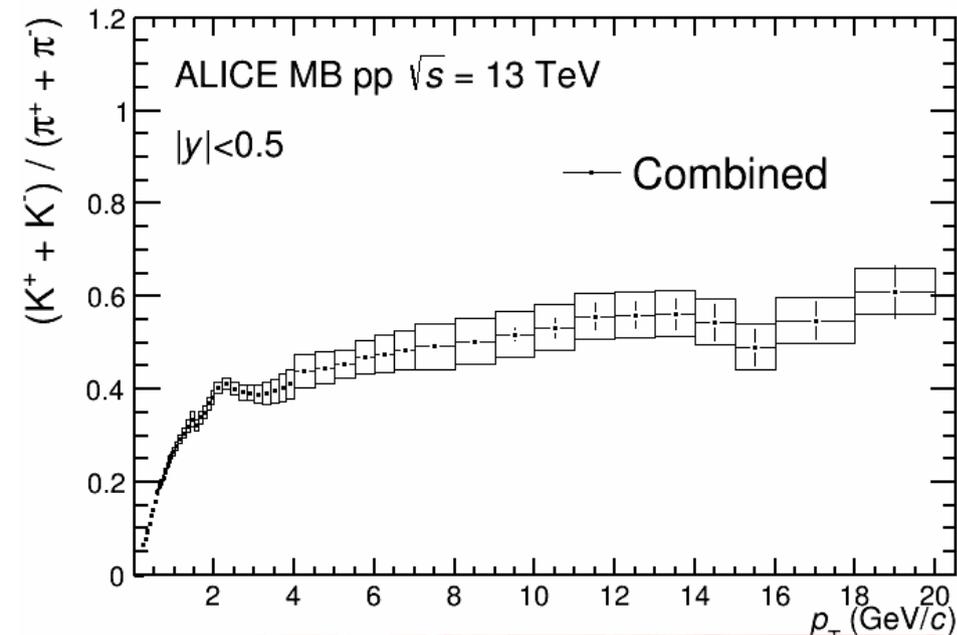
# Comparison of Kaons from Kinks and K0 short analyses



## Comparison of particle ratios obtained with different methods



# Particle ratios – Combined results



- **[Method 1] – Default for preliminary results**
  - we obtained the particle ratio central values by dividing the combined spectra
  - The systematic uncertainties on the central, points obtained this way, are taken from the produced combined particle ratios (above)
  - In this way the Kink analysis is taken into account in the K/pi particle ratio
  - The systematics for the Kinks (in a given  $p_T$  region) is not considered
- [Method 2]
  - Alternatively one can build a combined ratio from the ratios of the individual analyses (excluding kinks) which yields similar results (see backup)

## ② Specific items

$\bar{\Lambda}$  issue in the first low  $p_T$  points

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PRESENTATION

- Not understood behavior for the  $\bar{\Lambda}$  spectrum at low  $p_T$
- Checks done:
  - Signal extraction
  - Feed-down correction
  - GEANT3 vs GEANT4 correction

